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Blair flies in to rescue 'Yes'

Batistuti vote as Protestants waver

United By David McKittrick and Colin Brown

TONY BLAIR flies to Belfast today amid mounting concerns that divisions within the Protestant and Unionist community may mean there is a less than convincing "yes" vote in the 22 May Ireland referendums.

On present patterns the Good Friday agreement is in some difficulty because large numbers of Unionists remain undecided on how to vote.

To gain real moral and political authority the agreement needs to secure a majority of both Protestant and Catholic voters. While Catholics are clearly overwhelmingly in favour of the accord, the necessary Protestant majority does not exist at this moment.

The Government is now depending on the emergence of a decisive proagreement swing before the vote. Mr Blair's visit is targeted mainly at persuading Unionist doubters to support the agreement.

The Prime Minister will reiterate his message of a year ago when, soon after his election, he went to Ulster and declared "I value the Union".

Faced with the latest polling evidence which shows a large section of the loyalist community still undecided, he will repeat the assurance he gave to the Unionists when he said: "None of us in this hall today, even the youngest, is likely to see Northern Ireland as anything but a part of the United Kingdom.'

Private polling is showing that the nationalist community is strongly in favour of a "yes" vote, but the "don't knows" among the Unionists are running as high as 30 per cent, with the rest of the Unionists equally divided between the "yes" and "no" camps. "There is still a large swathe of don't knows that are yet to be persuaded and said a Westminster source.

Sinn Fein yesterday voiced concerns that Mr Blair might go too far today in his attempts to woo Unionists, warning that too many concessions might upset republican voters. Mr that with Catholic and nationalist agreement. votes essentially in the bag, his job is to reach Unionist opinion.

He can be expected to address key Unionist concerns, which centre on the launch of the Ulster Unionist Party's security of the union with Britain and "Yes" campaign, had a significant im-



that may run right up to polling day," Protestants going to a 'no-vote' protest rally in Antrim. Campaigners are holding nightly rallies across the Province to drum up support

the questions of decommissioning. the early release of prisoners and the future of policing.

Unionist indecision is not due to apathy, since broadcasters report huge au-Blair may well calculate, however, diences for programmes on the

It is believed that the recent visit to Belfast by Mr Blair and former prime minister John Major, together with the

pact on Protestant voting intentions. On the other hand, the televising of the rapturous reception given to the Balcombe Street gang at the weekend Sinn Fein ard-fheis has obviously produced

a negative reaction among Protestants. One observer said: "It's volatile out there. People are having difficulty finally making up their minds one way or another, but equally they are lis-

tening to what is being said."

Ian Paisley has meanwhile stepped up its activities, holding almost nightly rallies all over Northern Ireland to drum

up opposition to the agreement. At Prime Minister's Questions yesterday, Mr Blair condemned the "triumphalism" of men who had been involved in IRA killings at Sinn Fein's weekend conference. "The victims of violence have suffered enormously. We do not forget their suffering. I do be-The "No" campaign led by the Rev lieve that the peace agreement gives

us the best way forward to ensure that there are not more victims in the future," he said. He repeated his demands that all parties to the peace deal should accept the Good Friday agreement in its entirety. He was responding to fears voiced by Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble that Sinn Fein might take the benefits of places in the assembly and prisoner releases, without fully signing up to the deal.

Photograph: Brian Harris

"Minister for victims", page 4

The truth behind tragedy of Child B

Health Editor

VENOMOUS disagreements between the cancer specialists involved in the care of Child B, the 10-year-old girl who became the centre of worldwide media attention after the National Health Service refused to fund a second bone-marrow transplant for her leukaemia, are revealed in a report published today.

The first detailed study of the case, which was presented as the worst example of NHS rationing when it occurred in 1995, shows a bitter dispute between the paediatricians who felt she should be allowed to die in peace and the adult leukaemia specialists prepared to buy more time at any cost.

Child B, later identified as Jaymee Bowen, who died in May 1996, won the hearts of millions when she was shown on a BBC Panorama programme in October 1995 delivering a crushing riposte to the managers of Cambridge Health Authority for refusing to fund the £75,000 cost of her extra treatment.

"Thank you for nothing. Because now look at me, I'm fine. You could have paid for it. You had the chance and you blew it," she said.

The King's Fund report says: "The central issue was less to do with finance than what care was appropriate for a child with Jaymee's medical history.

The paediatricians at Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge, and the Royal Marsden in London attacked the "mayerick medicine" practised at Hammersmith bospital and the private Portman clinic in London, where she was finally treated, saying that they were prepared to go ahead whatever the human cost. The adult specialists in turn castigated the "paediatric mafia" with their conservative and inflexible attitudes.

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£300,000 payout for policewoman

Crime Correspondent

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A FEMALE detective who was nicknamed "Massive Cleavage und victimised when she complained of sexual harassment vas awarded an estimated 300,000 yesterday.

Dee Mazurkiewicz, 42, had er career with Thames Valley rolice ruined by a campaign of ntimidation and insults inluding claims she obtained onfessions from suspects by

getting her boobs out". An industrial tribunal in Reading, Berksbire, ruled in her avour last November, but yeserday the force agreed to pay er compensation. This is bejeved to include £21,000 for very one of the 14 years repaining of her career.

A police source, however, suggested that the undisclosed payment was in fact significantly lower.

The Police Federation. which represented Ms Mazurkiewicz, described the award as a landmark decision. It said other cases had not gone the whole way: they had either been settled outside tribunals or decisions have been appealed against by police forces.

Thames Valley police is curtently appealing against another tribunal ruling in favour of a female officer, Kay Kellaway, who won a sexual discrimination case last October.

Ms Mazurkiewicz said yesterday: "It is a great relief for me that this is finally over. It has taken four years of my life.

"It has been very difficult for



Mazurkiewicz, whose career was ruined by campaign

me. I feel very emotional. I have won my court case but I have lost my job. I have lost an aw-

portant to me and no compensation can make up for that." Ms Mazurkiewicz will retire from the force on Sunday on the

grounds of ill health.

al recommendation to a foreign

By Fran Abrams

Political Correspondent

"My career was what was im-

In 1991 Col Spicer spent six Nations embargo against the

by Gulf war general Haiveta asked Sir Peter about Col Spicer, after his company had been recommended to his government. Asked if the gen-

Sandline boss backed

THE HEAD of Britain's forces in the Gulf War gave a person-

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amount to a reference.

politician supporting Tim Spicer, the man at the centre of the Sierra Leone affair, it emerged last night. General Sir Peter de la Bil-

liere, gave a "favourable reference" for Col Spicer, who was once a personal aide, according to Chris Haiveta, then deputy prime minister of Papua New·

The country later engaged Col Spicer's company, Sandline International, to recapture a rebel-held mine but the operation ended in ignominy. Col Spicer was arrested and the government of the former British protectorate was forced

months as military assistant to Sir Peter, then the most senior British officer in the Gulf. Five years later, after Col Spicer had left to set up the mercenary firm met Mr Spicer in London in

Sandline International, Mr April 1996, on the same day as they also met Foreign Office officials to talk about arms purchases. They also said they believed they were recruiting eral had provided a good refserving British soldiers and not erence, he replied: "Yes, he did mercenaries. and indeed Spicer was his MA

After Col Spicer was aror executive officer or someone rested in March 1997, he used the British High Commission-Yesterday, Sir Peter coner's residence to give a press firmed through an aide that he conference. believed he had been asked Meanwhile, Foreign Secre-

about Col Spicer and had retary Robin Cook was yesterday sponded with some "general heading for a clash with the comments" about his character. Commons Foreign Affairs Committee. He is expected to rebuff He had no knowledge of Sandline. His agents, Curtis Brown, a demand from the committee said the conversation did not to hand over telegrams sent by diplomats in Sierra Leone to the The inquiry report into the Foreign Office. affair reveals a number of par-

The Labour-dominated committee agreed the move in allels with recent events in Sierra Leone. Customs and Excise private session before the Foreign Secretary's Commons officers are investigating claims that Sandline broke a United statement yesterday.

However, Mr Cook told the African country with the knowl-House that such telegrams were edge of Foreign Office officials. "restricted in circulation" as they could contain material Papua New Guinea officials told last year's inquiry that they "embarrassing to Her Majesty's Government and others".

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Detective in Lawrence case admits mistake

THE former senior detective who led the investigation into the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence admitted vesterday that he should have arrested the prime suspects within 48 hours.

Ian Crampton, a detective superintendent until his retirement, told the public inquiry into the black teenager's death that he decided that the best strategy was to defer arrests, although the five youths eventually charged were repeatedly named by police informants in the first two days.

With hindsight, knowing what I know now, I would have arrested earlier," he said. "What I know now is that the strategy was unsuccessful because it me quite clearly that the other option may well have worked."

The inquiry has heard that no arrests were made for two weeks after the killing. Charges and Neil Acourt, Gary Dobson. Luke Knight and David Norris - were later dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service, and a private prosecution by the Lawrence family also failed.

Mr Crampton, who handed over to another senior investigating officer three days after Stephen was stabbed to death in Eltham, south-east London in April 1993, told the inquiry that information about the existence of two potential witnesses never reached him. It might have "put a wholly different com-

plexion on the inquiry," he said. Officers on his squad also failed to pass on promptly two "clearly important" tips they received about the identity of the alleged killers, he added.

Cross-examined by Michael Mansfield, QC, counsel for the Lawrence family, Mr Crampton denied ever having had dealings, "socially or professionally", with David Norris's father, Clifford, a well-known criminal who was reputed to have bought off police officers.

He said that when David Norris was named by informants, he did not link him with Clifford, who at the time had been wanted by police for four years for alleged murder and drugs smuggling. "It did not ring bells with me that this 17-yearold boy had been a member of that family at all," he said.

Mr Mansfield asked him: "When the name David Norris came up, are you saying as the senior investigating officer that didn't work. Hindsight would tell the notorious south-east London criminal family of the same name never occurred to you?"

"That's correct," he replied. Mr Crampton said he deferred arrests because of a lack against the five suspects - Jamie of evidence. He rejected a suggestion that there were "other forces at work".

The inquiry was told that he adhered to his strategy even after a statement was made by Stacey Benefield, the victim of an attempted stabbing the previous month, naming Norris and Neil Acourt as his assailants.

Mr Crampton conceded that it was "the single most negative decision" that he made, and acknowledged that the grounds on which the five were eventually arrested "applied with just as much force" two days after the murder.

The inquiry continues today. A memorial plaque at the spot where Stephen died has been vandalised for the second time in just over two months.



EU ban on tobacco adverts faces challenge in courts

By Katherine Butler in Brussels

AN ALLIANCE of the tobacco and newspaper industries is to launch a legal onslaught on an EU tobacco advertising and sponsorship ban approved in Strasbourg yesterday.

The European Parliament approved proposals for a ban which is to be fully effective within eight years. It leaves member-states with no option but to change laws to phase out all tobacco publicity and sponsorship of sporting events by 2006 at the latest. The lengthy ily to accommodate British our legal challenges at nation- print media will have to cease from Britain in July.

a sponsorship ban on Formula state to stop implementation of One motor-racing.

But opponents vowed to attack the EU treaty basis used to justify the clampdown. Robert Toet, of the Confederation of European Community Cigarette Makers, said: "It has nothing to do with harmonising the single market ... the directive unlawfully usurps the sovereignty of member-states to determine

their own health policies". Sir Frank Rogers, chairman of the European Publishers Council, said: "MEPs have participated in an undemocratic phase-in was designed primar- process. We are now preparing

complaints about the effects of al level in every EU member- carrying cigarette advertisethis directive". David Hangar, publisher of the Economist and chairman of the European Advertising Tripartite, said the ban would not reduce the number of young people smoking. "This will not happen by restricting the freedom to adver-

> Clive Bates, director of Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), said there was a danger that legal objections could delay implementation of the legislation. Under the directive,

products which are legally on

ments within four years. Tobacco-industry sponsorship for all events, sporting, cultural or otherwise not organised at world level will be illegal after five years. Sponsorship of events organised at "world level" will have to be eliminated within eight years or by Octotise in Europe's press those ber 2006 at the latest.

Supporters fear legal challenges could be used by Germany and Austria, which opposed the ban but lacked the votes to block it when it was put to the council of ministers, to stall its implementation. Austria takes over the EU presidency

Challenge to new **Aslef** leader

By Barrie Clement Labour Editor

THE SHOCK victory of the hard left in the election for the leadership of the train drivers' union is expected to be challenged in the courts. The Independent understands.

Senior officials at ASLEF are considering legal action against Dave Rix, a senior activist in Arthur Scargill's Socialist Labour party, who defeated incumbent Lew Adams in the poli for general secretary.

One allegation which may be levelled by the present ASLEF leadership is that members of the SLP at the RMT the rail industry's biggest union, interfered in the election process.

It was announced last week that Mr Rix had won by 4.558 votes to 3.357 for Mr Adams. The unexpected defeat of the present general secretary was expected to usher in a new era of industrial militancy because of the victor's membership of the hard-left party, a Marxist organisation which believes in industrial confrontation tather than negotiation.

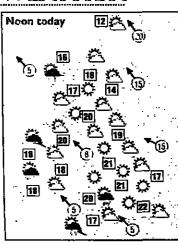
The union's executive vesterday "noted" the election result and instructed Tony West, ASLEF deputy general secretary, to investigate the legality of the poll process.

Another allegation levelled at Mr Rix is that he took two to three months' sick leave from his job as a driver with Regional Railways North East and used it to campaign throughout Britain. The union's constitution attempts to ensure there is a level playing field between candidates, with strict rules about resources used in campaigns.

The SLP's success at ASLEF is seen as a major blow to leaders of other unions which are attempting to foster an image of moderation.

The present leadership of the union will face a considerable battle against Mr Rix. considered to be an expert on ASLEF's constitution.

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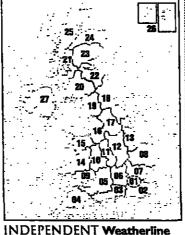


il will dawn misty across much of the country with paiches of log but there will be plenty of warm sunshine coming through in most places. Sea-breezes will make coastal areas confer. Fastern coasts of Scotland and England will be coolest and breeziest but with less cloud than recently. Showers and isolated thundery downpours will develop locally over south-west England, the Welsh mountains and Northern Ireland. and perhaps north-west Scotland later.

Outlook for the next few days Those showers over north-western parts of Scotland will clear away by Saturday, leaving it dry across the country with a fair amount of sunshine. The hottest soots are going to become a bit less warm, with a fresher feet to the weather, but it will be pleasant nonetheless. The rights will turn colder than recently but most areas will stay frost-free. Patiches of mist or log could develop in the small hours, clearing quickly in the mornings.

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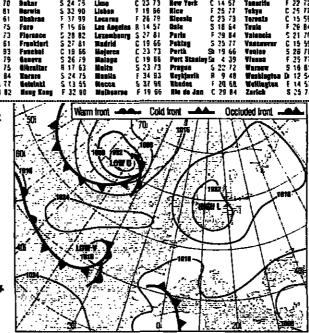


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WE HAVE been taken to task by a reader in the frozen north. Sue Couling writes: "Hottest day of the year? Why are you kidding? Yesterday [Monday] I was wearing jumpers and coat and needed to put the heating on. It poured with rain for most of the day. I live in York - only a few hours from London but obviously far enough to be insignificant. Weather Wise failed to notice that a large proportion of the country were shivering on the 'hottest day of the year' ... It is plain

that London is the centre of the known universe - as far as the media are concerned."

I can only plead guilty. As our weather listings on Tuesday clearly noted, while Lon don was enjoying its Cloudy. 18. York was shivering in Cloudy, 9 - the coldest place listed in this country.

The trouble with British weather is that conditions vary enormously over relatively short distances. The prevailing westerly winds caused by the earth's spin bring us damp air from across the Atlantic. Chilled by Arctic air currents, or by rising over hills and mountains, it deposits most of its rain on the west country. That is why the west (and especially the southwest) has up to twice the rainfall of places in the east of the country. At the start of this week, the south of the country enjoyed a warm air stream from Africa - but it did not blow as far north as York, In future, I shall try to keep an eye on the weather up there.

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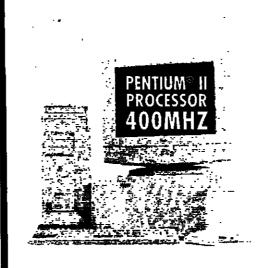
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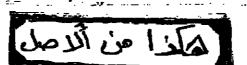
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World expert on medical ethics is condemned by doctors for saying that new-born children with severe disabilities should have their lives ended by lethal injection

The man who would kill disabled babies

By Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

DOCTORS' leaders yesterday condemned an expert on medical ethics who called for babies with severe disabilities to be given lethal injections to end their lives.

Professor Peter Singer, deputy director of the Centre for Human Bioethics at Monash University in Australia, said that in cases where doctors and parents agreed that a

whelming as to be incompatible with a decent quality of life, it would be kinder to end the baby's life deliberately rather than leave it to die.

The standard practice is to withhold treatment such as antibiotics or in some cases feeding so the babies do die either from untreated infections or from starvation and dehydration," he said on BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"I think that is cruel and inhu-

ing to the infants and their families. Once you make a decision that it is better that the baby dies you ought to be able to make sure that it dies easily and swiftly. That means by giving it a lethal injection."

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health said that although there were cases in which it might be appropriate to withhold or withdraw treatment there was no justification for killing children.

withdraw treatment were issued by the college last year.

Professor Richard Cook, consultant neo-natalogist and spokesman for the college, said: What I feel about people who want to bump patients off is that they are doing it for themselves. It is very difficult for doctors faced with patients for whom they can do nothing surrounded by parents and nurses who are distressed. The eas-

baby's disabilities were so over- mane. It causes unnecessary suffer- Guidelines on when to withhold or lest thing is to bump them off. I don't think that is the right thing to do."

The guidelines specify five situations in which it may be right to withdraw treatment, if the doctors, nurses and parents agree. They include a child who is brain dead, a child who has no chance of survival and for whom treatment may prolong their suffering and one who may survive but who would be so impaired that treatment would in effect add to their suffering.

The British Medical Association said there was a key ethical distinction between killing and leaving a patient to die that lay at the heart of a doctor's duty to their patients. Dr Bill O'Neill, its science and ethics adviser, said: "There is a very important difference between withholding treatment and deliberately doing something to end a patient's life. Patients are not just left to die - all efforts are made to ensure they are

comfortable and they do not suffer."

Professor Singer, who is in the UK to give a series of seminars, was challenged on the Today programme by Jacqueline Lang, a lawyer and author of Human Lives. She said: "We can eradicate suffering by eradicating the sufferer. It matters how we get good results. We cannot use any means to achieve an end, however good that end might be."

But he said he was "concerned for the needless suffering which exists now, as a result of current practice".

The guru of animal rights ensnared in a moral maze

PETER SINGER looks weary. He is resigned to being called the professor who wants to kill babies. It is not what he came here to talk about. He is here for doctors to make life-andto give series of lectures and seminars in London, Oxford and York on "Darwinism and ered fit to survive. Politics" and "Animals, Ethics and the Environment".

The trouble is that this philosophy professor does believe that disabled babies should, in certain circumstances, be given lethal injections and, if asked he is not disposed to deny it.

And he was asked about it yesterday, on Radio 4, after a tabloid diatribe had been got off the plane from Australia where he is director of the Centre for Human BioEthics at Monash University. If doctors, parents and the legal system have concluded that a newborn baby is so brain-damaged more humane option, he said, that it should not be given to relieve the unnecessary suftreatment, or food, he said, then it would be kinder to administer a lethal injection to end the infant's suffering.

To make matters worse Professor Singer is the man who in 1976 wrote Animal Liberation. the seminal work which first popularised the idea of that animals have rights and gave birth to a worldwide movement of animal activism. So animals have rights, but disabled babies

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-20078 No wonder he looked weary.

"I don't want to run away from what I have written," he said when we met yesterday. "Let me explain. When I got involved in ethical issues I discovered that it is standard medical practice death decisions on whether new-born babies are consid-

"These are cases were the child would have what one judge has called a 'demonstrably awful' life. One case was a Downs' Syndrome baby whose digestive system was blocked. In others there were decisions that spina bifida babies did not have to have the operation performed to relieve the pressure on the brain. But the result of launched almost as soon as he implementing these decisions was the withholding treatment or food - which meant that the baby died slowly of complications, starvation or dehydra-

A lethal injection seems a healthcare staff

There are two problems with this. It makes certain assumptions about the basis on which we value human life. And it takes for granted that there is no difference between killing someone and allowing them to

Utilitarian philosophers like Singer call the latter the "act/omission" fallacy. If an action, or an omission, produce the same effect they have the



fering of the child, parents and Peter Singer: "We have now entered a new era - one in which we look at the quality a human life may have rather than talking about its sanctity."

same moral worth, they argue. "Actions are right or wrong according to their consequences," he said. "If the outcome or results of an act and an omission are the same they have the same moral value."

So neglecting to send food to a Sudanese refugee camp is morally equivalent to sending a warplane to strafe the occupants, because they die either way? "No, to send an aircraft

shows that you want them to die. To neglect to send food shows that you are indifferent."

But what if you are shooting them to save them a lingering death from starvation? "That's not very likely, but if that really was your motivation, then perhaps it would be acceptable," he replied.

Common sense tells us otherwise. There might be no difference in logic between action

some deep taboo within us. We sense that actions are worse than omissions, rather like our sense that telling a lie is somehow worse than not telling the

Because our moral sense on this is intuitive, I suggested, that does not mean it is muddled sentimentality or moral cowardice. "My guess is that our at the quality a human life may

killing a disabled baby violates centuries in which we have its sanctity." been taught ethics as a system of rules," Singer replied.

Rival fails to stop British Airways

But those centuries of Judaeo-Christian morality are over, he believes. "We have now entered a new era - [which he thinks began with the ruling to allowed doctors to stop feeding the Hillsborough victim Tony Bland] - one in which we look

and omission yet the idea of intuition has developed over the have rather than talking about

problem with Singer's view. How, ability to reason? By the ability to feel? By consciousness? That seems a good enough criteria. Singer replied. Isn't there anything about human life, and how we respond to it, which might be symbolic or sacramental?

Photograph: David Rose

No, says Singer, it is all about allowing everyone the Which brings us to the second maximum reign for their preferences and interests. People in this brave new world, are we and animals too. In the end to measure quality of life? By the some animals might be more morally important than some human beings.

Such is the outcome of the utilitarian calculus. It is where. if we abandon the notion of absolute values, we will inevitably

Prince Philip angered at report of royal row over Emperor's award

By Diana Blamires

THE Duke of Edinburgh yesterday issued a strong denial that he spoke out against the Queen's decision to award Britain's highest order of chivalry to the Emperor of

The statement followed a story in yesterday's Times which claimed that the Duke had privately expressed reservations about the decision.

In a statement yesterday a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said: "The Duke has not expressed any view, privately or publicly, over the award of the Order of the Garter to the Emperor of Japan.

painful memories which the War caused to people, both from his own wartime experiences and from meeting veterans and ex-prisoners of war over the years since.

"For very many years, Prince Philip has worked for reconciliation and for a greater understanding between the two countries." It is understood that the

Duke has not ruled out making a complaint over the report to the Press Complaints Com-

Survivors of Japanese prisoner of war camps yesterday condemned the decision to confer the award on the Emperor

"He is well aware of the of Japan. Members of a former civilian internees group met in central London to condemn the award of the Order of the Garter to Emperor Akihito. They also demanded an urgent meeting with the Prime Minister before the Emperox's visit to Britain later this month.

> The campaigners want a "meaningful apology" and compensation from the Japanese government for their suffering during the Second World War. The outcry came after the Duke of Edinburgh's denial. The Japanese head of state

will receive the award on his visit, which begins on 26 May. Keith Martin, chairman of the Association of British Civil-



Emperor Akihito: award has angered PoW groups

ian Internees – Far East Region, said yesterday: "I think the Garter is an order too far.

"It seems an insensitive thing to do. Here is an order that was given to people like Winston Churchill, Montgomery and other great British leaders. What has the Emperor done that is chivalrous?"

launching its 'no-frills' airline

By Michael Harrison

BRITISH AIRWAYS was yesterday cleared to launch its nofrills European airline "Go" next week after the rival lowcost carrier easyJet failed in a High Court challenge.

Mr Justice Tuckey refused to grant easyJet an injunction which would have effectively stopped the launch of Go on the grounds that it was being illegally subsidised by the parent airline BA. But the judge turned down BA's bid to "strike out" a pending action by easy-Jet, which operates out of Luton airport, claiming that Go will be in breach of European Union competition laws.

though Go can start flying its 143-seat Boeing 737s a week tomorrow with introductory return fares of £100 to Rome, Milan and Copenhagen, it will still be open to challenge when easyJet's action comes to trial. Barbara Cassini, the Amer-

The ruling means that, al-

ican chief executive of Go, said she was delighted by the ruling but disappointed the action had not been struck out. "This allows us to get on with the launch of the company without restrictions on where we can fly and how we can develop the business.3

Go is expected to announce least one further route in the next four weeks. The eastJet ac-

take six to 18 months to reach court. EasyJet's injunction claim was based on the allegation that BA, with its "bottomless pit" of funds, having guaranteed Go's leases on the eight aircraft it planned to fly, gave Go an unfair advantage over smaller competitors. .

tion, meanwhile, is expected to

But the judge said to grant an injunction would be pointless. It would not stop the new operation and would serve only to cause considerable disruption. Go has advance bookings from 30,000 passengers.

In any event, the judge added, Go had not so far announced any plans to fly on easyJet's routes. There was

nothing for easyJet to complain about, apart from a future

threat of unfair competition. Refusing to block easyJet's claim completely, the judge said the company did have an arguable case that BA was abusing its dominant position in Europe to the potential detriment of undistorted com-

petition within the EU. EasyJet - pioneers in the nofrills market which now includes Virgin, Debonair and Ryanair - accuses BA of 'predatory behaviour" and failing to give "transparent" assurances or publish financial statements from which the amount of any subsidy to Go could be deduced.



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Report calls for action to help bereaved and injured while Blair listens to couple caught in bombing

'Minister for victims' appointed to ease Uster pain

Ireland Correspondent

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday announced the appointment of a "minister for victims" as part of a new package of measures aimed at helping those bereaved and injured in the Northern Ireland troubles.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mo Mowlam, promised to consider sympathetically a series of recommendations in a report on victims drawn up by a former senior civil servant. In the Commons, Tony Blair declared: "The victims of violence have suffered enormously. We do not forget their suffering."

Last October, Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, a former head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service, was asked by the Government to look at possible ways of recognising the pain and suffering felt by victims of violence.

The question has since become highly politically charged, since it is generally viewed as an issue emphasised in particular by Unionist politicians. At this moment, the Government is particularly concerned with assuaging Unionist concerns in the hope of encouraging a big Yes vote in the referendums on 22 May.

This was seen as helping explain the speedy decision to designate Adam Ingram, who is

Kenneth, who was himself the subject of an IRA attack, was clearly moved by the experience of meeting many bereaved and disabled people in recent months. Describing the work as harrowing, he said in his report: "In more than 45 years of public service, I have never been asked to undertake a task of such human sensitivity. The letters I have read and the stories I have heard will be burned into my memory for ever."

painful privilege: "Painful, because I have encountered grief and human suffering on an enormous scale. A privilege, because I have encountered also such courage, such endurance and - often from those most gravely affected - such generosity of spirit."

Among his recommendations were a review of compensation arrangements, the provision of advice on victim support, improved pain relief services and increased sensitivity from employers towards victims. He called on paramilitary organisations to reveal the sites of the graves of missing victims.

He also suggested considering an annual day of memorial and reconciliation and, at a later stage, a Northern Ireland memorial, which he said might consist of "a beautiful and useful building within a peaceful and harmonious garden".

The Rev Ian Paisley welcomed the report but said that it had been undermined by the Government's decision "to throw open the prison gates so that the terrorist murderers responsible for the pain and suffering are allowed to go free".

Welcoming the report, Ulster Unionist Party leader David Trimble said: "I feel that in the present circumstances so much attention has wrongly been foister, as "minister for victims". concern for those who have suf- Blair did, and then wrote to them fered and those who have served."

> In Dublin, the report was welcomed by the Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern, who commented: "It is clear from the report that many victims of violence feel isolated and ignored. On behalf of successive Irish governments, I acknowledge that this feeling is shared by victims in our jurisdiction. The government will should be taken to address their particular needs."



Police preventing Jim Dixon handing a letter to Tony Blair in Belfast earlier this month

Photograph: Alan Lewis

We waited 30 years to tell a prime minister what the people have suffered'

JIM and Anna Dixon said they offer extra help to victims of violence in Northern Ireland.

More than 3,600 people have current round of troubles. Groups representing them welcomed the report by Sir Kenneth Bloomfield calling for a raft of consider what further steps measures to help those affect-

their families than the victims. come back."

Mr and Mrs Dixon were cused on the perpetrators. That had waited 30 years for a prime stopped by officials and Royal next day Downing Street an- which will enable him to close Northern Ireland security min- has to be balanced by a greater minister to listen to them. Tony Ulster Constabulary officers nounced around £2m in extra his eyes. Mrs Dixon was blown when they attempted to hand a cash for victims of violence, and off her feet by the blast and reletter to Mr Blair during his re- set the stage for the compre- ceived cuts and bruises. Screng of the injuries Mr Dixon suffered cent visit to Ulster. When the at the Enniskillen bombing Prime Minister heard about played a part in his decision to this he broke off from his engagements and invited them to speak to him personally.

Mrs Dixon recalled: " After died and 40,000 injured in the he had talked to us for about 10 to 12 minutes he said he was being pressed to get on with his schedule.I said we have waited 30 years to speak to a prime minister about what people have ed. It also helped to assuage a been going through here, and feeling among some that more could be not spare us a little more many other injuries." he said.

Talking

Now Look Who's.

was being done for prisoners and time? He left but said he would

hensive aid package of the Bloomfield report.

Mr Dixon, 61, was taking photos of his daughter Serena, the headgirl of the local high school, at Enniskillen on Remembrance Sunday 1987 when a bomb exploded, causing him terrible injuries. " My skull apparently shattered like an eggshell, the roof of my mouth was blown, my eye sockets disintegrated, and there were

He has been to hospitals "28 to 30 times", and has to go back Mr Blair did return and the once more for an operation was saved by the person next to

her shielding her with his body. Mr Dixon, who runs a nursing home with his wife, said: "It was a surprise to receive the letter from Mr Blair, but it shows he was listening to us. When we met he was very sympathetic to our views, that he must listen to what the people who have suffered because of the violence, the ordinary people, were saying, Catholics as well as Protestants, and not to the officials."

Britain to import American blood plasma products

BRITAIN will have to spend up to £70m annually importing blood plasma products from the United States, because of the risk of transmitting "human BSE" through UK-source blood products, following a government decision yesterday.

The measure, which begin start in a few months, will significantly raise the costs of the National Blood Service from its present £200m annual budget. It comes after a three-month review by the Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) on the risk that "new variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease" (v-CJD), caused by the BSE infective agent, could be passed in plasma.

Instead, more than 300 tonnes of plasma will have to be imported from the US, at a cost of £20m. The MSF trade union, which represents blood service staff, said that the cost of extra precautions needed to filter donated blood in future would

amount to about £50m. The CSM decided that "although there is currently no evidence that v-CJD can be transmitted by blood, there is nevertheless a theoretical risk".

£10,000 animal rights award

A 53-year-old woman will be awarded £10,000 damages today by Kent police in the latest payout against animal rights' demonstrators arrested while trying to stop live exports to Europe. Angela Petro is being paid the money plus legal expenses after claiming officers unlawfully arrested and imprisoned her. on three occasions, stripped searched her, and damaged her

David Phillips, the Chief Constable of Kent, has denied the allegations but agreed to the award. The police face at least a further dozen claims for damage, having already paid small sums of £900 to £2,500 to at least three animal welfare

Probe into murder inquiry

A POLICE chief called in an outside force to investigate the handling of an inquiry in the murder of a 15-year-old Celtic hopeful after his killer was jailed for life yesterday. Brian Beattie, 33, was found guilty of murdering Lawrence Haggert in the victim's home in March 1996.

Central Police's chief constable William Wilson said he had invited James Mackay, assistant chief constable of Tayside Police, to undertake a review of how the inquiry was handled.

The dead boy's father, Larry, yesterday attacked the force because he said Lawrence's brother Dennis, then 12, was a suspect in the first investigation.

Harassment charge

A FATHER-OF-TWO who warned people in a Welsh village about a convicted child sex offender living in the community has been charged with harassment under new laws designed to stop stalkers. Darren Laverty, 30, who distributed 400 leaflets warning that the man was living in a house in the village, was charged earlier this week after being stopped by police.

Mr Laverty said vesterday: "The families were so shocked they did not know what to do and asked me for advice. We all thought that that particular village needed to be aware of what was happening and I wanted to alert people to the dangers."

Gay-bashers targeted

TOUGHER sentences for people convicted of violent attacks on gavs and lesbians are being proposed in an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill, now going through the Commons. Richard Allan, Liberal Democrat MP for Sheffield Halam, is proposing a new clause modelled on the Government's existing proposals for race bate attacks.

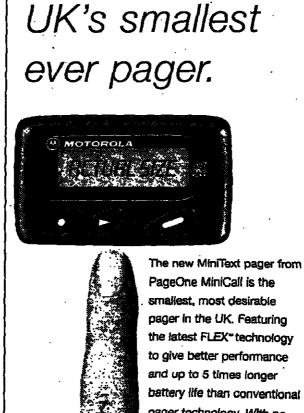
Air pollution warning

THE current warm spell will bring the first summer smog with "high" levels of air pollution due to bit many areas of England and Wales over the next few days, the Government warned yesterday. Traffic fumes trapped in warm, still air in city centres will make the problem worse and high ozone levels are forecast.

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Black and White love cut from **'Primary** Colors'

By David Lister in Cannes

THE director of Primary Colors, the top film at the Cannes Film Festival, was yesterday accused of cutting an interracial love scene between Emma Thompson and black British actor Adrian Lester.

Emma Thompson plays the Hillary Clinton figure in the film, none too loosely based on the Clintons' journey to power. Lester plays the campaign

In the novel from which the film is adapted, the two of them have a one-night affair. In the movie which opened the festival last night, although Lester comforts Thompson when she hears of her husband's infidelities, the pair just stare at each other mean-

At a press conference in Cannes yesterday, veteran director Mike Nichols was challenged by an American journalist that he had "cut out an interracial love scene".

Nicols replied: "I did have it cut out after the first preview. I didn't think about the interracial element. I took part of the scene out of the movie because there was disappointment [in the preview audience] that these two were meant to be the good guys.

"They were meant to be more steadfast than this. I cut it down but not out. If you're withheld my urge."

looking for it, its there." John Travolta, who plays the delighted questioners by revealing that President Bill Clinmovie, invited Travolta to come to a party in character so that speech together.



Emma Thompson and John Travolta, stars of Primary Colors, strut their stuff at Cannes yesterday

fice receipts.

It was interesting that

Thompson and Travolta ap-

peared to disagree about the

cleverness of the characters

they play in the film.

Photograph: Brian Harris

"I declined," Travolta said, "because I decided it was best to leave the character on the screen and not do parties. I think that shows the President's sense of humour. I was very tempted for a moment but I

Emma Thompson interjected intriguingly at that Clinton figure, Jack Stanton, point, saying: "He doesn't often hold his urge."

Thompson and Travolta ton, far from being hurt by the both give excellent performances as the President and First Lady in the film which the two of them could do a opens in Britain in August. Thompson plays Susan, a First

help her husband to power and equally determined to survive in her marriage while implying her increasing suffering from the humiliations and embarrassments at the public disclosures of infidelities.

Thompson, in newly сторреd, red hair set off by a bright orange sundress, stole the show at the press conference, clowning around when she wasn't speaking fluent French and translating for her colleagues.

She said she was "terrified" of the opening gala. "I gence in her little finger than It was more thrilling for me to

Lady ruthlessly determined to hope the frock's all right," she he's got in his whole body." said. "I was out in the sun yes-But Travolta claimed: "The terday so I've got all different man has high integrity in his political urges and I think he colours.' Travolta said that Mr Clin-

ton, who he knows socially, had plex human being. not yet seen the film which has "There's a naiveté and inopened in America to good renocence about this character views but only average box ofwhich our own President has I hope."

is a decent man. He is a com-

Thompson claimed she had not based her characterisation on Hillary Clinton: "I didn't want to do an imitation of her because that would be Thompson declared: "This just an excuse to make people woman has got more intelli- think what has she got wrong?

create an imaginary character." Anyway, she added, Ms Clinton spoke so rarely on television "partly because she is not given much of a voice. It's funny that the First Lady is the first person to hit the

glass ceiling." Travolta said he played the President as a composite of several presidents, "but mainly it reflects on Clinton".

Injecting an inevitable luvvyish touch, Thompson said that, in making the film, "we cried a lot actually. You get to a point where you think 'that's so true about people!"

Press told not to feed **World Cup** xenophobia

Media Correspondent

THE Press Complaints Commission yesterday fired a warning shot across the bows of the tabloids in the hope of averting a re-run of xenophobic Euro 96 for France 98.

The PCC chairman, Lord Wakeham, asked editors to ensure that, in the run-up to France 98, "their reporting and comment does nothing to incite violence, disorder or other unlawful behaviour, or to foster any from of xenophobia that could contribute directly to such incitement."

The statement was issued as the PCC ruled on a Daily Star headline in March which criticised the French authorities' allocation of World Cup tickets to English fans. The headline, "Frogs Need a Good Kicking". was described as "a misjudgement" but within the Code of Practice. The PCC received 300 complaints from readers over tabloid coverage of Euro 96, particularly in the build-up to England's semi-final clash with Germany.

Headlines such as the Mirror's "Achtung! Surrender" and war references were felt by many to have misjudged the mood of the nation and sparked fears of hooliganism in an otherwise peaceful tournament.

The PCC later said the tone of some of the reporting around Euro 96 was wrong but did not single out any newspaper. Yesterday Lord Wakeham appealed to tabloid editors not to

incite violence among fans. "We want to have robust reporting of the World Cup and we don't mind people being partisan - of course not, we want British teams to win.

papers inadvertently, or in any other way, inciting fans to violence and to cause trouble. I thought a warning was the right thing to do."

The editor of the Sun, Stuart Higgins, declared the question to be one of "that terribly ill-defined word, taste", upon which the PCC is not able to rule. He backed the Star in criticising the French: "In many ways the French, in the way they've handled the ticket allocation, deserve a good kicking ... I mean, it is disgusting the way our fans have been deprived of

getting tickets." Speaking for tabloid editors, Mr Higgins added: "Our reporting will be geared by good headlines. There's going to be triumph, there's going to be joy, there's possibly going to be disappointment, and all our headlines have got to be eyecatching and sensational.

"It's of great personal interest to us to report it responsibly and to get behind our boys. "We're not going to go out and say 'we're going to invade

France', or encourage our fans to behave in a hooligan-type "But the thing works both

ways. The French have got to recognise that our fans want to go and see our team play, and play in the big tournaments and give us the right to actually get the tickets."

The PCC, a self-regulatory organisation, is made up of newspaper editors and representatives from outside the industry. Its Code of Practice deals primarily with privacy, opportunities to reply and cor-

The Daily Star yesterday published the PCC's ruling and tatement on its Frogs he "But I don't want any news- in the spirit of self-regulation.

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Birth pioneer cleared of misconduct charge

By Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

AN EXPERT on foetal medicine was yesterday cleared of serious professional misconduct by the General Medical Council.

He had been accused of making flippant and offensive remarks to a woman patient whose unborn twins died in an operation he carried out.

But Professor Kyprianos Nicolaides told the GMC that he was in tears after the babies' death which he called a "human tragedy" for both their mother Jennifer Sabin and for himself.

Speaking after the hearing, Professor Nicolaides said: "I am immensely relieved that my name has been cleared of these charges. I am deeply saddened by the fact that I was not able to save the babies of Mrs Sabin."

Mrs Sabin was undergoing keyhole laser surgery for the rare and usually fatal "twin-totwin transfusion syndrome", a procedure developed by Professor Nicolaides and carried out by him 117 times. The syndrome occurs when the blood vessels in the placenta deliver too much to one twin while the other receives not enough.

Mrs Sahin had alleged that the professor made jokes about her knickers, made disparaging remarks about Newcastle and made sexual comments to the friend who accompanied her. She also alleged that he shouted "your babies are dying" during the operation and swore.

But the professor told the GMC's professional conduct committee that his only concern had been the well-being of his patient and her children, and that his comments had been an attempt to put her at her ease.

Mrs Sabin from Morpeth, Northumberland, told the GMC on Tuesday that when she asked for painkillers Professor Nicolaides joked with a group of student doctors observing the operation, saying: "These are the women from Newcastle, they cook their men their dinner, then go out and get ed with the operation, said that drunk, then they come back and beat the women and they have encouraging an informal atsex with them, and she wants mosphere at the hospital's Har-

these lines, saying that expericies. He told the hearing: "It is



Jennifer Sabin (right) and her friend Helen Potts, who were deeply upset by Professor Nicolaides' approach

"Almost by definition, every

often useful to be "provocative" portion of the patients have to calm patients' nerves and re- foetal abnormalities.

He denied that the com- single patient in the unit is ments were directed at the traumatised. You are telling group of students or that they had been made in response to a request for painkillers.

Professor Nicolaides accepted Mrs Sabin's allegation that he had put an arm round her friend Helen Potts, who had come with her to the hospital to offer support, but denied that this was a sexual overture. He said: "I put my arm around her not for comforting her, but as a gesture of welcome."

He agreed that he had greeted Mrs Sabin and Mrs Potts as "the beautiful women of Newcastle", but again denied that this was a sexual approach.

The doctor, who has won a world-wide reputation with his pioneering work on foetal surgery at King's College Hospital, south London, said he tried to involve patients fully in every stage of their treatment and that this was why he told Mrs Sabin, after she began to haemorrhage that her babies were dying.

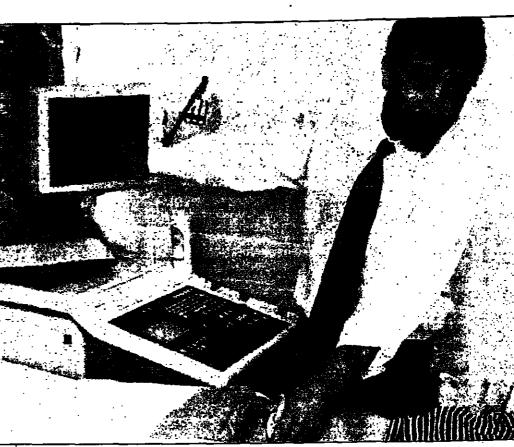
Dr Neil Sebire, who assist-

the professor made a point of ris Birthright Centre, which he Professor Nicolaides admit- had set up to treat women exd making comments along periencing difficult pregnanence had taught him that it was a unique unit in that a large prothem potentially the worst news of their lives. Part of the rationale of the unit is at least to get patients relaxed."

He denied that Professor Nicolaides - who managed the pregnancy of Mandy Allwood, the West Midlands woman who conceived octuplets after fertility treatment but miscarried in October 1996 - had been "playing to the audience" during the operation on Mrs Sabin.

Dr Sabire said: "He always comes in and speaks to the patients. His policy is much stricter than in any other department I have worked in, in that you are under no circumstances allowed to ask him any question while the patient is in the room. He will not let any doctors ask him any questions."

After the hearing, Professor Nicolaides said: "I'm very grateful for the patience and support of my colleagues and very pleased that I will be able to continue to work with my patients, who I have devoted all my life to."



Professor Nicolaides: **Immensely** relieved that my name has been cleared, but saddened that I was unable to save the babies'

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. Firms risk penalties for 'bug' deaths

Labour Editor

COMPANIEs could face prosecution for deaths and injuries

caused by a failure to get to grips with the "millennium bug". The Health and Safety Executive yesterday warned that while it was still attempting to

persuade organisations to tackle potentially dangerous problems associated with the millennium, it would "lose patience" by the start of next Clive Norris, director of

safety policy at the executive, said that he was "concerned rather than alarmed" by the number of organisations largely among the 3.7 million small and medium-sized firms frequency of inspections. - which had not come to terms with the bug.

Mr Norris said that the HSE would begin using "enforcement notices" to make sure businesses assessed all possible risks and would issue orders closing down processes. 9 September next year and in if necessary. The ultimate 2000 on 1 January, 29 February, penalty for flouting advice in dangerous circumstances would be legal action leading on 1 January 2001. to fines of hundreds of thousands of pounds and, in extreme cases, imprisonment.

The executive pointed out that computers can confuse a problem need to set about many of the dates around the millennium with an instruction er the better." to close down. This could have a potentially disastrous impact on the nuclear, oil and chemical industries or any other sector involved in hazardous

The HSE has targeted companies involved in such activities, but believes that the big organisations have already taken the necessary measures. The potential problem is that smaller sub-contractors are in- and more expensive, the longer volved in the installation and you delay."

maintenance of plants and may not be fully responsive to safeguards introduced by the big companies.

Launching a guidance pam-

phlet "Health and Safety and the Year 2000 Problem, the HSE warned about so-called "embedded chips" in systems - which might be integral to processes but could escape inspection.

Smaller companies are also involved in providing fire and security alarms which could be vulnerable to the millennium bug. Such equipment could fail to activate or could register false alarms. Lift companies might also fail to undertake maintenance because electronic systems often control the

The executive reiterated its advice that computer problems could occur on a number of dates around 2000, because the combination of digits could be misinterpreted. Difficulties could occur on 1 January and March and 31 December. There could also be a problem

Mr Norris said that time was running out for businesses to assess potential difficulties. "Those that find they do have tackling it too - and the soon-

He pointed out that there were only 150 working days before computers encountered difficulties.

"Doing nothing is not an option. At the very least you should identify whether you have a problem or not," he said.

Mr Norris argued that the kills required to deal with the millennium bug were in heavy demand. "They will be scarcer

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Dorrell broke rules by failing to declare interest

By Anthony Bevins Political Editor

THE whip-hand over what Conservative frontbenchers can and cannot do in the Commons. was handed to Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. yesterday.

Sir Gordon said in a report that Stephen Dorrell, the Tory spokesman on Education and Employment, broke a Commons rule by initiating a debate on trade union recognition last month - because he is a director of a clothing firm that does not recognise trade unions.

He said Mr Dorrell's action was a breach of the post-Nolan advocacy rule, barring MPs from initiating a debate or question with a specific and direct impact on their private

The all-party Committee on Standards and Privileges took the rare step of disagreeing with Sir Gordon, and cleared the former Secretary of State for

Health of any misconduct. But it then added a ruling that will shock the Tory benches, where so many outside busi-

as a reminder to all Members who may have occasion to initiate parliamentary proceedings, that they should be cautious in doing so on matters which touch their registrable interests, and should first seek the the Registrar of members' in-

They also ruled that Mr Dorrell should have declared his interest in the April debate.

The idea of Conservative frontbenchers being forced to clear their actions with an official before they are allowed to make a political move will dismay old hands in the Commons.

But the unanimous Standards and Privileges Committee decision to reverse Sir Gordon's ruling could also be read as a retreat from the standards' introduced after Lord Nolan's

Dennis MacShane, the Labour MP who laid the complaint against Mr Dorrell, said yesterday, however, that William Hague had to decide whether he wanted a full-time opposition or "a part-time frontbench who will

"A case which falls very close they decide whether it is more to the borderline should serve important to have nice little earners outside Parliament, which they will always have to declare when attacking the Government.

He released a list of 19 Conservative frontbenchers who had financial interests in firms which advice of the Commissioner or could have an impact on debates and questions they could be expected to raise in the House.

"From corner shops to energy prices, from property development to Asda, from insurance firms to private medicine, Mr Hague's team have their noses stuck deep in the extra-parliamentary trough.

Hague has to clean up the Tory frombench because more and more of them will be exposed when they initiate debates in the Commons."

Mr MacShane, who has already forced Mr Hague to switch Michael Fallon from his 1995 parliamentary sleaze report. Trade and Industry team to the Treasury team after he neglected to declare an interest in the House on low-wage nursing homes, said he would be watching to make sure that Tory frombenchers submitted themselves to Sir Gordon's prior reuess interests are concentrated. be constantly embarrassed as straint on their actions.



Blunkett praises 'quiet redistribution' of wealth

By Judith Judd and Clare Garner

A NATIONAL consensus including both rich and poor is the only way to tackle disadvantage, David Blunkett, the Secretary of State for Education said yes-

In a lecture on social exclusion in Southwark Cathedral. south London, Mr Blunkett said that the Government had to persuade the middle classes that the whole of society benefited if the lot of the poorest

He spoke forcefully of the

ways in which the Government the worst off and the best is bringing about the redistribution of wealth - a subject that New Labour has sometimes shied away from.

As a result of the Budget, the poorest half of the country would have more to spend - that was "quiet redistribution". Redistribution would also come when the Government's plans activity and 68 per cent have for the minimum wage were im-

Mr Blunkett rejected the notion that there was "some

sort of battleground between

Children at The Arches, an

afterschool club in nearby Camberwell, where more than half the children and adolescents arrive having been expelled from school, would benefit from redistribution. Many have a history of gang

been arrested by the police. These are the truants who the Government promises to do something about.

After spending time at The

Arches, their attitudes change. Every member returns to education, many with ambitious to become barristers, artists or accountants.

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Political donations a 'bonus' for honours candidates

By Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

ed out, the head of the com- out each year.

awards said yesterday. Lord Pym, a former Conservative Cabinet minister, said the fact that someone had given money proved their com-

He told the Neill committee people put their money where on political funding that other achievements were also important in deciding who should repolitical donations were a fac- not believe that people had

DONATIONS to political par- Scrutiny Committee considers ties should be regarded as a honours awarded for political scruting commutee might never boning cather than a minus" services, which account for have been told the names of when honours are being hand- about 50 of the 1,000 handed donors to Labour's blind trusts af-

> helieve in with their own money. I would regard it as a plus rather than a minus point that

ey to a party, that is a bonus not pass on that information. rather than a minus because However, a party spokesman they are supporting what they said later that the chief whip, Nick

their mouth is," he said. He confirmed that his committee had turned down candiceive political honours. While dates for honours, but he did

tor they were not the only one, ever been put forward for political honours solely on the The Political Honours grounds of political donations. There was speculation that the

ter the party's fundraiser, Lord Brown, had passed the names to the committee.

Lord Levy said he believed the blind trusts should be wound up but defended their use before the last election. They had been effective in keeping donors' names secret from beneficiaries, he said.

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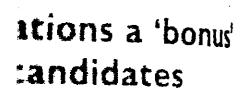
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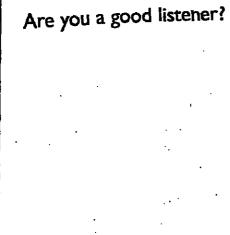


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Rape claim woman

A WOMAN who alleged that she leged that he also indecently as-

told a jury that the man, William she was raped once - when a 15-

accounts of how they were al- officers in September 1995 when

was raped by a cousin of mass

killer Fred West when she was 15

denied yesterday that she was ly-

ing to share in the "glamour" of

The woman, now in her 30s,

John Hill, raped her in an

upstairs bedroom of his village

legedly raped as schoolgirls by

Mr Hill, 45, of Near Green

Close, near Ledbury, Hereford

and Worcester. He denies their

claims, and two other alleged

Crown Court that Mr Hill at-

tacked them when they sepa-

village of Much Marcle. They al-

rately visited his home in the

The women, now in their 30s, told the jury at Birmingham

rapes of teenage visitors.

She and another woman gave

home in the late 1970s.

the Cromwell Street inquity.

saulted them in a garden shed.

One said she was raped five or

six times, aged 13 and 14, when

out for drives in his three-

year-old virgin - in a bedroom

at Mr Hill's home. She insisted

she had not made up a state-

ment to Cronwell Street inquity

she claimed to have seen Fred

West at his Gloucester home.

claims because she wanted "to

jump on the bandwagon" after

bodies were discovered in Much

Marcle and in Gloucester. She

also denied lying to get money from the Criminal Injuries

Compensation Board for the

The trial continues today.

abuse she allegedly suffered.

She denied making up the

The other alleged victim said

wheel Robin Reliant car.

find out Read Friday's Independent to

the Queen to celebrate the reopening after refurbishment of nearby Canada House Photograph: David Sandison Academics stand firm 'did not lie to police' over 'illegal' pictures

By Ben Russell Education Correspondent

ACADEMICS condemned the police last night for seizing pictures by controversial photographer Robert Mapplethorpe from a university library, and warned of a creeping erosion of freedom of speech.

The Association of University Teachers (AUT), meeting in executive, said study of mater-Worthing this week, called for action to back the University of Central England which could face prosecution over pictures in Knight's stand. one of the late photographer's books, deemed offensive and il-

The university's vice chancellor, Dr Peter Knight, has refused to destroy two pictures

Crown Prosecution Service is considering whether to go ahead with a prosecution under the Obscene Publications Act after a darkroom worker called police while developing pictures from the book for a stu-

dent's thesis. Last night York University academic Joanna de Groot, a member of the union's national ial like the Mapplethorpe pictures was "the stuff of universities" and praised Dr

The AUT general secretary David Triesman told delegates: "A culture of intervention of all kinds in what universities do, a culture of disregard for academic freedom is significant enough from the book and challenged for the police to believe it is the West Midlands Police to absolutely normal to consider asktake the case to court. The ing a university to burn books."



Greenpeace campaigners atop Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square yesterday to protest against the destruction of the Great Bear rainforest on the west coast of Canada. The protest was timed to coincide with a visit by the

Impotence pill 'can damage men's eyes'

Social Affairs Correspondent

VIAGRA, the new drug for im-

potence can cause damage to eyesight for those who over-use it, scientists have claimed.

In sufficient doses it could cause damage to the retina of the eye, the New Scientist magazine reports today.

The erection pill has taken America by storm. Less than three weeks after its launch, doctors in the United States had written an unprecedented 113,000 prescriptions for Viagra. The pill even received an en-

dorsement from the former presidential candidate Bob Dole, and the drug looks set to have the same effect in Britain. But it is known to have a

side-effect that causes "blue vision" and some eye experts fear that Viagra may do more

enzyme called phosphodiesterase, which allows more blood to flow into the penis.

A similar enzyme exists in the cone cells responsible for colour vision in the retina. It is the effect on this enzyme that leads to a perception of the colour blue, and which is con-

> cerning eye specialists. The drug is thought to mimic a condition where levels of phosphodiesterase are abnor-

This has ophthalmologists worried, because people with congenitally abnormal phosphodiesterase suffer irreversible damage to their retinas over time," said the report in the New

The American Academy of Ophthalmologists is now presswhich manufactures Viagra, to proved the quality of their helps a little bit.

Stanford University in California, told the magazine: "The company has not measured the electrical activity of the cone

But Pfizer said that rigorous tests at doses well above the recommended level had shown no clinically significant effect on vision in either the short term, or the long term.

cells in the long term."

There are also already fears reclaim youthful vigour are taking higher than recommended doses despite their doctors' warnings.

In the clinical trials which convinced the American Food and Drug Administration to approve Viagra, the "magic bullet" drug quadrupled men's success at having sexual intering Pfizer, the drug company course and significantly im-

doses damaging the retina. conduct more studies. Michael erections. In one study, men re-Viagra works by inhibiting an Marmor, an eye specialist at ceiving 100 milligrams of Viagra, the highest recommended dose, doubled their frequency of erections.

But one sexual health expert told New Scientist that the reality of Viagra's performance did not match the hype.

However, James Barada, of the Center for Male Sexual Health in Albany, New York, said that many of the men in the trials had achieved intercourse that some men wanting to in the previous three months and so were not clinically impotent. He claimed that only one-third of men who were genuinely impotent, were able to have intercourse after taking the drug.

Mr Barada, who has written more than 150 prescriptions for Viagra, said: "I consider them Viagra failures. You don't take a drug just because it

Women protest as US men get Viagra on medical insurance

THREE weeks after the little blue pill went on to the market, it emerges that men in United States who have obtained the impotence drug on prescription have a 50:50 chance of persuading their health insurance company to pay for it. Women, on the other hand, who are prescribed the contraceptive Pill, must usually pay for it themselves.

This has been seized on by women's groups as a discrepancy amounting to sexual discrimination. If insurance companies pay for men's Viagra, why not the Pill for women? Their irritation is all the greater because of proliferating reports that doctors are prescribing Viagra not just for clinical impotence. but for what is euphemistically

American College of Obstetri- week. Insurance companies are abortion lobby.

Cost of the contraceptive Pill rankles, reports Mary Dejevsky in Washington

has a larger proportion of female members than most US medical organisations, is now lobbying Congress to pass legislation requiring insurers who pay for prescription drugs as a matter of course, also to cover the Pill. Insurance companies, the group's of covering the Pill will be far sookesman said, were demonstrating "a clear bias".

The insurance companies offer two arguments: cost and need. The costs, they say, are not comparable: the contraceptive pill is used by millions of women clinical condition, while the defor decades at a time, while the cision to use contraception is over Viagra could prompt a recurrent rate of Viagra prescrip-One doctors' group, the tions is running at 300,000 a has the full sympathy of the anti-

cians and Gynecologists, which also limiting the number of Viagra pills they will pay for, to between four and 10 a month. Even with the Pill costing between \$20-. 30 (£12.50-18.75) a month, and Viagra costing between 10 and 12 dollars per tablet, the total cost to the insurance company more than covering Viagra. The College of Obstetricians responds by citing the costs of un-

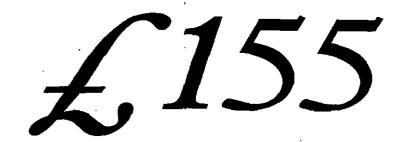
wanted pregnancies. The insurance companies also argue that impotence is a women with insurance must pay.

The apparent discrepancy in the treatment of men and women also derives, in part, from the US health system, which is mostly private and employer-linked and regulated differently from state to state. Many insurance companies say they offer plans that cover all prescription drugs, including the Pill, but most companies do not select them on grounds of cost. This is an "employer decision", said a spokesman for the Health Insurance Association of America, not an "insurer decision". Six states mandate some reimbursement of contraception costs, but nine out of ten US

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Women's jail where suicide has claimed seven lives

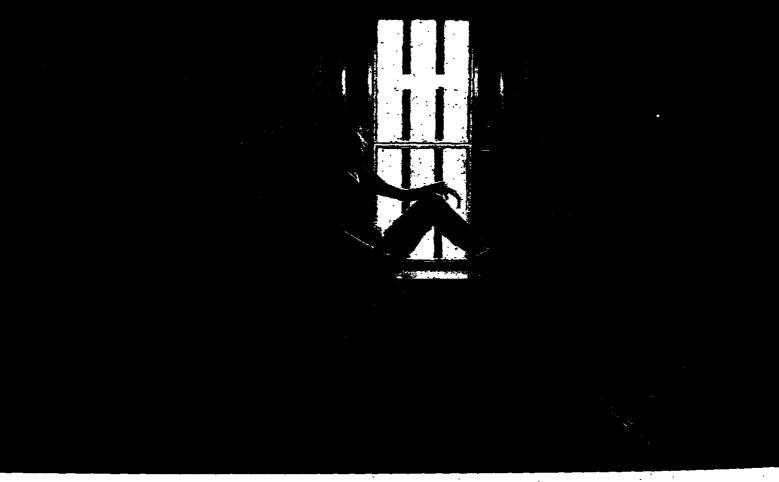
Home Affairs Correspondent

THE SUICIDES of seven young women in a Scottish prison have prompted the Government to undertake wideranging reform of the treatment of female inmates north of the

Henry McLeish, the Scottish home affairs minister, yesterday promised to take steps to minimise the number of women sent to jail. He pledged to halve within two years. Mr McLeish

was forced to act after the oublication of a critical report by Scotland's chief inspectors of prisons and social work, who were called in to investigate after seven women took their lives over a two-year period at Scotland's only all-female prison, Cornton Vale. Two of the victims were 17 years old.

Among the findings in the report was that well over a third of all women in custody in their lives. Scotland have attempted to take their own lives at some stage, usually outside prison,



"some form of abuse" during

Comton Vale is a modern jail on the outskirts of Stirling. and 82 per cent had experienced first purpose-built prison for a "suicide jail".

women. Although it was designed to create a "relaxed atmosphere", prison reform groups said yesterday that it had

of prisons, Clive Fairweather, called for more television sets in cells at the prison to reduce opened in 1975 as Scotland's instead acquired a reputation as the potential for "morbid coutermilation". Televisions in cells

Scotland's chief inspector have been described by American experts as "the best babysitter ever", he noted.

> Mr Pairweather pointed out that less than 1 per cent of the 200-strong Scottish female pris-

oner population were violent offenders and most were being punished for "petty nuisance". Yesterday, Clare Sparks, of

the Prison Reform Trust, said that many of the problems identified in Scotland were also being experienced by female prisoners in England and Wales who were often starved of purposeful activity. "There is a major problem with self-harm." she said. "We are constantly hearing that women are bored and don't have anything to do."

She said that the female prison population in England and Wales had doubled in the past five years and at more than 3,000 was at its highest level since 1905.

The Scottish report calls for facilities to be opened up for women prisoners at Inverness and Dumfries jails, which are predominantly for male prisoners, and for more to be done to reduce the number of women sent to prison for non-payment

of prisons is calling for the provision of more television sets in cells at Cornton Vale to reduce the potential for 'morbid contemplation' Photograph: Chris Watt

The inspectors called for the creation of a powerful group to resolve at local level the issues identified in the report, including prosecutors, police, the prison and health services, and voluntary bodies.

They also recommended that Cornton Vale be reshaped with more shared accommodation for inmates.

. After one of the longest inquiries in Scottish legal history last year, a sheriff concluded that no one was to blame for the six suicides he studied, and he ruled that no "reasonable" precaution could have been taken to prevent the deaths.

Almost 90 per cent of inmates at Cornton Vale have taken drugs, including many of those who committed suicide. Chris Tchaikovsky, director of the London-based trust Women in Prison, said yesterday that more young female inmates would take their own lives unless they were given access to

drug rehabilitation units. Mr McLeish promised a positive response to the report which he described as a "watershed" for the criminal justice system in Scotland.

He said: "For the first time we have a distinctive focus on the position of women in the criminal justice system and the Government is absolutely committed to using this heightened awareness to match policy need."

But he said no decision would be taken on the report's recommendation to end the practice of jailing women under 18 before the completion of a major study into young offenders in Scotland which is exploring how the jailing of boys and girls under the age of 17 can

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On Warhol's 'Tunafish Disaster' and 'Red Elvis'

By John Kinsella

Did a leak kill Mrs Brown? Did a leak kill Mrs McCarthy? Did Elvis chill

out when faced with their cool bodies, eyelids drooping, while he, with blurred vision could see

with thirty-six sets of eyes, still lusting after the days when lithium was a

tasty table salt? Or when Dick Nixon relied on him to set the kids straight and

the FBI struck a deal to make all pink cadillacs bleed like tuna: trusted

icons of supermarkets, suspended in seas of air conditioning? Elvis

gently sings the victims in their long sleep his red hair as slick as publicity.

This week's poems celebrate the work of John Kinsella, who was born in Perth, Western Australia, in 1963, and mark the simultaneous publication of his Poems 1980-1994 (Bloodaxe, £9.95) and his new volume, The Hunt (Bloodaxe, £7.95). This poem first appeared in Full Fathorn Five (1993).



Channel 5 chief attacks BBC's defensive culture

By Janine Gibson Media Correspondent

THE chief executive of Channel 5, David Elstein, launched a blistering attack on the BBC last night - on the eve of recording a radio programme in which he will propose himself as its next director-general.

On delivering the Goldman Media Lecture, Mr Elstein described the BBC as "mesmerised by impossible and inappropriate ambitions" and "mired in its peculiar history and method of funding".

He also proposed the abolition of the licence fee, calling instead for a subscription system which, he said, would "strengthen and further legitimise" the BBC.

But Mr Elstein will today record an edition of Radio 4's give itself a year to dislodge The Candidate in which he will be interviewed by Jonathan to live without them." Dimbleby about how he would take on the job of director-gencral. The programme's aim is to mentators as a favourite external set out a "manifesto" for a candidate for an influential position. The BBC has yet to con- John Birt, retires in 2000. His infirm the transmission date for Mr Elstein's programme.

will repeat on Radio 4 his comments from yesterday's lecture, which included noting that the BBC's News 24 rolling news service is "another nail in the coffin of the licence fee" and that the BBC gives the impression of being a "defensive monolith



David Elstein: wants to end funding through licence fee

not an open public body". He added that the BBC's notorious habit of relying on teams of management consultants must end. He said: "The BBC should every consultant and then learn

Mr Elstein is widely regarded by media figures and comcandidate to take over Auntie's top job when the incumbent. tellectual style - he is one of the voungest students ever to achieve It is not known whether he a double first at Cambridge-and credible programming background have led to a perception that he was uncomfortable at the populist Channel 5.

where he has been chief executive for just over a year, he was with an emphasis on sport to atthe industry-acceptable face of tract young men.

Sky as director of programmes at BSkyB. He previously had a high-profile television production career, notably at Thames

The BBC governors are already gearing up for the task of appointing Mr Birt's replacement and are reported to be talking to headhunters, as well as lining up internal candidates.

Many of the BBC's senior management are approaching retirement, leaving the corporation in something of a succession crisis with the governors keen to ensure a formal handover plan is established swiftly.

Internal figures who might have been tipped for DG include chief executive, BBC production, Ron Neil, who will leave in November, and chief executive, BBC Broadcast, Will Wyatt, who is due to leave next year.

Among other prominent figures outside the BBC mooted for the post are chairman and chief executive of Pearson Television, Greg Dyke, and Channel 4 chief executive Michael Jackson, a former controller of both BBC 1 and BBC 2.

The future of television lies in long-dead game shows such as Sale of the Century, says ITV which has unveiled plans for its digital channel ITV2.

ITV2, which is planned to launch at the end of the year, Before joining Channel 5, will aim at a younger audience than the mainstream channel,



An audience in Los Angeles at the world premier of Monsters in Grace, a 3D digital opera by Robert Wilson and Philip Glass that is showing for the first time in Britain next week at the Barbican, in London Photograph: Patricia Lanza

Elderly at risk, says task force

By Glenda Cooper Social Affairs Correspondent

FEARS over care of the elderly means responsibility should be taken away from local authorities and be subject to national standards, according to a Government task force.

It is calling for changes to be brought in to stop "major anomalies" which are putting old people at risk.

The review of long-term care published yesterday by the Better Regulation Task Force says the system is "confusing" and consumers have little confidence in it.

The task force recommends that a independent inspectorate should be set up to enforce minimum standards of care in nursing and residential homes.

The chairman of the working group, Dr Chai Patel, said: "At the heart of all regulation has to be the need to provide protection for vulnerable people through guaranteed standards."

The force wants the responsibilities to be taken out of the hands of local authorities where there could be conflict of interest when such authorities act as providers, purchasers and inspectors of care.

The Department of Health is expected to respond to the review by August.

Undertaker to be questioned on cremation of wrong body

DETECTIVES are to ques- now want to speak to undertion an undertaker after it taker David Turner, who show that the body is that of Mrs emerged today that the body of arranged both funeral services Kemp. We will be continuing a 58-year-old woman was cre- in December 1996. mated by mistake, while the rewere buried in her place.

Police carried out an exhumation at the grave of Sheila Gent. 58, at a churchvard in Fulmodestone, Norfolk, yesterday. Checks by Home Office pathologists confirmed that the body in the grave was not that of Mrs Gent.

Detectives said the body in Mrs Gent's grave was almost certainly that of Edith Kemp, 97, and should have been cremated.

Fernandes said police would

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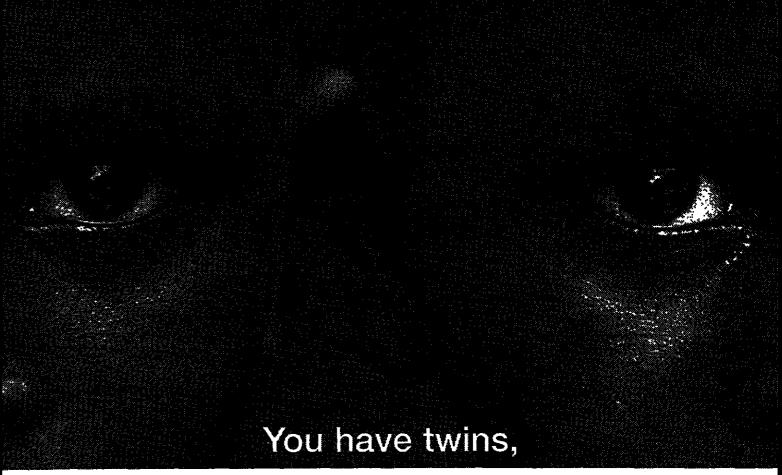
tablish that the body buried at Fulmodestone is clearly not Mrs Detective Inspector Steve Gent," said Det Insp Fernandes, who is based at Thetford.

"There is strong evidence to our inquiries and then we will consult the Crown Prosecution committed."

Yesterday Mrs Gent's family solicitor, Ben Dures, said Mr Gent and his children were devastated by the the news of the mistake. "The trauma suffered by the family can be well imagined," he said.

He said it was now likely that the Gent family would launch legal action against Mr Turner.

Mr Turner was at a funeral yesterday and unavailable for comment.



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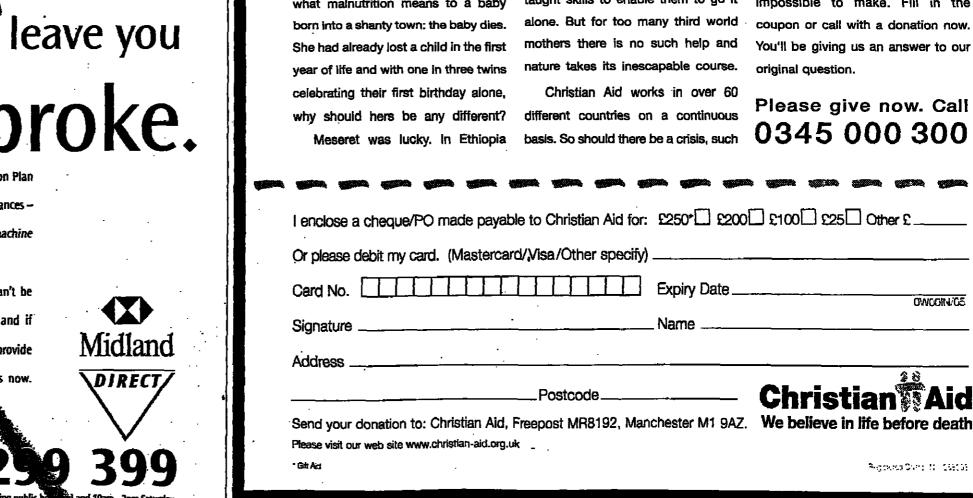
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Kosovo and Serbs set conditor first peace talle for first peace talks

By Marcus Tanner

RICHARD HOLBROOKE, the US envoy who forged the Bosnia peace deal in 1995, scored another diplomatic tri-umph yesterday when he got Serbian and Kosovo leaders to agree to hold the first face-toface talks tomorrow.

The talks between President Slobodan Milosevic of Yugoslavia and Ibrahim Rugova for the Kosovo Albanians mark the first time the two have agreed to meet, and take place as Serbia's rebellious southern province slides deeper towards a full-scale war that may be already too late to stop.

Mr Holbrooke cautioned the meeting will stop the vio-

mostly Albanian - in the past few months. "The gulf between the two [Serb and Albanian] sides is as wide as ever," he said. "It could still escalate to something worse than Bosnia". But he insisted that President Milosevic - with whom he formed something of a bond in the runup to the Bosnia deal - had accepted "personal responsibility" for finding a settlement.

Both sides have accepted a compromise. Mr Rugova had insisted no meeting could take place with the Serbs without the presence - as guarantor - of a third party from the international community. The Serbs offered only low-level meetings against any expectation that representing their insistence that the Kosovo crisis was an in-

come far too late.

Since Mr Milosevic stripped Kosovo of its autonomy within the old Yugoslavia 10 years ago and incorporated it into Kosovo's 2 million population who are Albanian. Now everyone - both Serbs and Americans - wants to talk to Mr Rugova, the same man who has been consistently shunned and brushed aside by the West ever since the old Yugoslavia came

crashing down in 1991. The trouble is that he and his pacifist colleagues no longer hold much sway over Kosovo's Albanians, thousands of whom

lence that has claimed 150 lives ternal Serbian matter. The first are active members of the gunmen have seized control of large swathes of the province running along the mountainous

border with Albania proper. This week shootings and fused to talk to serious repre-killings brought the flames of sentatives of the 90 per cent of war licking the edges of the arrest this escalation of violence would be almost a miracle. Mr Rugova's only chance would be to pull off a lightning settlement with Belgrade that restores Kosovo's autonomy in full. Mr Milosevic's track record suggests he will never agree to such a climbdown and he may be merely trying to trick the West into lifting its recently imposed sanctions on Yugoslavia.

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Germany gives Clinton a lesson in history

By Imre Karacs in Berlin

GERMANY old and new rolled out the red carpet for the American President, lavishing him with a two-day synopsis of its roiler-coaster ride through two centuries of history.

In Potsdam, summer capital of Prussian kings, Bill Clinton feasted yesterday on the favourite dishes of Frederick the Great. After lunch with Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the Sanssouci, the most powerful man on Earth made a detour to Frederick's tomb, paying homage to the first European leader to have signed a friendship treaty with the infant Unit-

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Later, the motorcade swept into Berlin, the Germ of the past and the future. Chancellor Kohl was on hand again for a joint appearance, both statesmen dwelling on trans-Atlantic ties at the dawn of European Union and Nato expansion towards the east.

Mr Clinton then met Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democrat politician expected to settle into Chancellor Kohl's armchair after the September elections. Mr Schröder got a lot more time with the President than the German government had bargained for. Instead of the side-show allocated to the challenger in the script drawn up in Bonn, Mr Schröder hogged the limelight, contrasting his growing stature in the international arena with the bbing power of the Chancellor.

Germany's ceremonial President, Roman Herzog, declared: "Berlin has become the symbol of the link between our peoples." Cue-in the Berlin Airlift anniversary, the reason President Clinton crammed Germany into



Bill Clinton (left) and Helmut Kohl at Potsdam yesterday at the start of the US President's visit to Germany for the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift Photograph: Ruth Fremson/AP

his foray overseas. The Soviet Union imposed a year long blockade on West Berlin 50

Today, President Clinton will be at Tempelhof airport to mark the event and deliver his keynote address to Berliners. The speech-writers have a tough act to follow. Two of his predecessors captured the Free World's imagination and wrote their names in the history books respectively with "Ich bin ein Berliner" - John F Kennedy - and "Tear down that wall, Mr Gorbachev" - Ronald Reagan.

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MEPs back off from euro showdown

ed for Dutchman Wim Duisenberg to become the first president of the European Central Bank yesterday, despite raising serious objections to the manner in which he was givon the job, writes Katherine Butler in Strasbourg.

Mr Duisenberg is cleared to become head of the Frankfurthased bank, set to become the most powerful monetary insti-

In a gesture of defiance to the French President Jacques Chirac the Strasbourg Parliament urged Mr Duisenherg to stay on beyond June 2002 when the Paris government expects him to give way to Frenchman Jean Claude Trichet. But MEPs backed off from an earlier threat to reject the appointment outright on the grounds that a fudged compromise reached by European heads of government at the Brussels summit on May 2 was in breach of the spirit of the Maastricht treaty.

THE European Partiament vot- furiously to the Strasbourg vote. John Stevens representing Thames Valley denounced his colleagues as "cowards".

EU leaders appointed Mr Duisenberg for eight years in theory but in a separate political deal cleared the way for the French rival candidate Jean-Claude Trichet to step into his shoes mid-2002 when the euro notes and coins have replaced the separate national monies. tution in the world, on 1 June. This followed a "voluntary" declaration on Mr Duisenberg's part that he would not want to see out the full term.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who represented the EU presidency at yesterday's vote in Strasbourg insisted it was "clearly in accordance" with the Treaty because Mr Duisenberg will take his own decision about the date of his retirement. After cross-examining Mr

Duisenberg an overwhelming majority of MEPs said they were satisfied he had demonstrated his independence.

British Tory MEPs reacted

US warns of fresh arms race as India conducts two more nuclear tests

By Peter Popham in New Delhi and Andrew Marshall in-Washington

BRUSHING aside the world's denunciations of the three nuclear tests it carried out on Monday, India yesterday executed two more, then declared the "planned series" of tests was now complete.

The US said the world could be on the brink of another arms race, triggered by India's tests, and slapped sanctions on New Delhi. "There will be a chain-reaction," the Defense Secretary, William Cohen, told a congressional committee. "There will be other countries that see this as an open invitation to try to acquire this technology."

Yesterday President Bill Clinton told a joint news conference with the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, that the tests could lead to "dangerous instability in the region". India should not conduct more tests and its neighbour, Pakistan, should remain calm, he said, calling the tests "deeply disappointing" and "a terrible mis-

Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Gohar Ayub Khan, said the Indian leadership had "gone berserk". From China, which India has for the first time publicly identified as its main adversary in the region, there was only an inscrutable silence.

News of yesterday's tests, like Monday's, came out of a clear blue sky. As the first accounts of scenes in villages near the test site in Rajasthan's desert reached the newspapers - a violent shuddering of the earth. cracks appearing in walls of village huts, an outburst of spontaneous rejoicing - the world was stunned to learn India had ment of nuclear weapons," said done it again. The two new tests, Praful Bidwai, a security and nuaccording to a statement re- clear-affairs analyst. "They've leased by the government, took started two nuclear arms races. place at 12.21pm and were both low-yield devices. These, it was It's going to degrade security. Hashimoto, said "Japan would implied, would be the last tests. It's a foolbardy and disastrous



improved computer simulation of designs and for attaining the capability to carry out subcritical experiments, if considered necessary."

According the government's domestic critics, the new tests were a particularly sinister development. "What they did today makes sense only if they move towards rapid deploywith Pakistan and with China.

Mr Bidwai's interpretation New Delhi."

was bolstered by a statement by the hardline Hindu nationalist Manohar Joshi, a senior minister who said on Tuesday that Indian scientists will put a nuclear warhead on missiles as soon as the situation requires."

The diplomatic fall-out of India's initiative continued unabated. Japan, India's biggest aid donor, said \$30m (£19m) in grants would be cut. Just as Tokyo was announcing the measure, word of the two new tests came through. Later the Japanese Prime Minister, Ryutaro now have to consider even

After yesterday's tests Derek Fatchett, minister of state at the Foreign Office in London, summoned the Indian High Commissioner, PK Singh, to express shock and dismay. The further tests, he said, "were in flagrant disregard of the concerns already expressed by the international community and

made matters yet worse." In Potsdam, standing alongside his host, Chancellor Kohl, Mr Clinton said the tests were "unjustified and clearly created a totally unrestrained way". a dangerous new instability in the region. I've long supported ment gave no clear clues as to deepening relations with India. whether it would follow in Infor me personally ... We hope ton's advice and exercise in 1995 which assessed that im- weapons.

the Indian government will great nation in the 21st century without possessing nuclear weapons ... It's a perfectly wonderful country and it is not necessary to manifest national greatness by doing this. It is a terrible mistake.

Reaction in Pakistan continued to verge on the hysterical. Avub Khan said: "The Indian leadership seems to have gone berserk; they are acting in

But the Pakistani govern-

restraint. In India the outburst soon realise that they can be a of jingoistic excitement that greeted the first tests began moderating into something more reflective.

Economic analysts, pointing out that American companies have plans to invest more than \$11bp in India, doubted that US business would sit idly by and allow such massive amounts to be jeopardised.

Optimists were quoted citing the case of human-rights abuses in China and America's readiness to turn a blind eye to Set against this was a study

Supporters of India's nuclear policy gathering yesterday outside the New Delhi residence of the

Atal Behari Vajpayee Photograph: Reuters

position of sanctions after nuclear tests could set India's economy back five to 10 years.

Prime Minister,

What the second batch of tests made abundantly clear was that the Hindu nationalist BJP which has advocated India's possessing nuclear weapons for the past 30 years, had struck a huge patriotic chord in the country at large,

transcending party lines. But the government's majority is minuscule; speculation mounted that they might seize this opportunity to go to the polls again in the next few months, while the chord continues to reverberate, in the hope of emerging with a healthy majority. The sanctions, imposed under a 1994 US nonproliferation law, will be painful but are unlikely to have a severe economic impact.

Analysts in Washington are concerned that other states - led by Pakistan - will follow India's example.

It would be much more difficult to impose sanctions on Pakistan, as they would have a far more damaging impact on a country that is a long-time American ally in the region, and could have a destabilising effect on what is already an unstable

The US is also concerned that other states that are known to have pursued a nuclear capability, including Iran, Iraq and North Korea, will see the Indian step as a green light. "We have a real proliferation prob-

lem that's taking place globally. This is only going to contribute to that. It's going to cause other countries to find a rationale," Mr Cohen said. He them for the sake of commerce. said that about 25 countries now either have or are acquiring nu-

Actress sues NY for \$20m

WHEN Annette Sorensen, a Danish actress, visited New York last May she left her two-year-old daughter, Liv, in a pushchair outside a Manhattan restaurant while she ate inside. Now, claiming emotional damage from what happened after diners called police, she is suing New York City \$20m (£12.5m). For three days mother and child were separated after the authorities put Liv in temporary foster care. Ms Sorensen's lawyer said Liv now suffers "emotional problems, a certain amount of fear of separation from her mother".

Town siege

- David Usborne, New York

A WEST African force is fighting a battle for the Sierra Leone town of Kailahun, the last major stronghold of the ousted junta. Scores of fighters have been killed in the battle for the eastern town near the border with Guinea. The West African force ejected the junta from Freetown in February and restored elected President Ahmad Tejan Kabbah in March. - Reuters, Freetown

Turks' fury

THOUSANDS of people in Turkey took to the streets to protest at the attack on a prominent defender of human rights. Akin Birdal, head of the independent Human Rights Association, was shot six times in the chest and leg Tuesday. His two assailants escaped. There are suspicions that the government was behind the attack. - AP. Ankara

No singing

IN A COMPROMISE aimed at pleasing women's groups and religious men, Israel's president decided no one would sing at his inauguration in parliament. A spokeswoman said the only solution was to call off the music. "No one will sing and everyone will be happy," she said.

CIA red-faced after 'greatest failure in decades'

By Andrew Marshall

INDIA'S ability to conduct nuclear tests without the knowledge of US intelligence agencies has triggered widespread criticism of the CIA and has been characterised as one of its worst failure for years. It will boost American opponents of arms control.

The world's largest, most expansively funded, most technologically advanced intelligence agency was apparently caught napping. When India detonated its nuclear tests on Monday, the Central Intelligence Agency and its associates should have known that some-

should have known well in advance. Yet, according to reports yesterday, the agency was unaware. Reports yesterday said "clear-cut" evidence of test preparations was received at midnight on Sunday in Washington. But the analysts responsible were not on alert, as India had persuaded Washington that it was planning no tests.

"The context of the intelligence community's error was complacency," according to an official quoted in the Washington Post. Even late the following day, officials still seemed

Equally, India appears to

thing was up. Indeed, they have timed the preparation for the tests to coincide with gaps in US satellite coverage, analysts said. "It is apparent the Indians went to some lengths to conceal their activities and intentions," said a CIA spokesman. None the less, "It must be seen as a failure, and a price must be paid," said Frank Cilluffo, senior analyst at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies.

"There were indications from satellites of increasing activity, but they weren't looking at it," said Steven Young, of the British-American Security Information Council, a think tank. "When you're not looking, it's

The CIA has announced that a team drawn from the intelligence community and headed by retired Vice Admiral David Jeremiah, a former vice-chairman of the joint chiefs-of-staff, will investigate how the US came to miss the tests, and report in 10 days. Congress is likely to hold its own hearings today.

The Republican head of the Senate committee that oversees the spy agency lambasted a "colossal failure of our intelligence gathering - possibly the greatest failure in more than a decade". Senator Richard Shelby said that the intelligence community was "caught completely

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Newspaper editor feels the wrath of Mrs Arafat

By Robert Fisk Middle East Correspondent

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HELL hath no fury like Suha Arafat scorned. Or so Abdulberi Attwan found out when he wrote an editorial which criticised - ever so mildly - the wife of the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman. Her sin, according to Mr Attwan's article in the London-based Palestinian newspaper Al-Quds al-Arabi, had been to send medicine to Iraq with her name plastered all over the boxes; why, he asked his readers, could the medical supplies not have been sent by "the Palestinian people"?

Anywhere else, the remarks might have been of small mo-

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ment. Indeed, Mr Attwan had al- the side in large letters - "larg- said that those who didn't like ready written a leader in his pa- er than the boxes themselves!" it could drink sea water," Mr per - printed on an inside page as another member of staff put -praising the Palestinian gift of it. Mr Attwan was so outraged medicines. Mr Attwan wishes to that he immediately wrote a secsay nothing about the subsequent ond editorial for the front page dispute, but another member of of the paper, condemning the his staff is less reticent. "We were "hypocrisy" of using the name of Yasser Arafat's wife when the in our editorial meeting, waiting for a picture to use on our front Palestinian people were thempage of the medicines being selves the donors. put aboard a flight to Baghdad," appearance, Suha Arafat was on he says. "We were very proud that our besieged Palestinian the phone. "She was screaming people would want to show their at Abdulberi, asking him why be sympathy in this way for the poor had criticised her and telling

him she had sent the medicines in the name of the Palestinian Then the photograph arrived which showed the medipeople," the Al-Quds al-Arabi cine boxes, all of which had staff member says. "She claimed Suha Arafat's name printed on she had put her name on the boxes of medicines for Iraq to

> because Abu Amar [Arafat] and his colleagues were frightened that [Israeli prime ministerl Netanyahu would be angry if he saw the medicines came from all Palestinians". The Saudi-owned newspaper

Al-Hayat defended Mrs Arafat, who later gave an indignant interview to the magazine Al Majella - also Saudi-owned medical shipments to Iraq. "She call on us..."

protect the Palestinian people

Attwan's colleague explained.

When Mr Arafat arrived for last week's doomed "peace" talks in London, the luckless Mr Attwan tried to make amends by visiting the PLO chairman at Claridges. He got short shrift. "Arafat saw him after a delay but was very cold," the editor's col-Within hours of the paper's league says, "Clearly, he had not been forgiven."

All of which proves that a Palestinian editor's duty is not a happy one. Two days ago, this salient fact was demonstrated yet again. After criticising the Jordanian government, Mr Attwan received a letter from the Ministry of Information in Amman, teiling him that his paper was permanently banned in the Hashemite Kingdom.

Al-Quds al-Arabi was hitherto regarded as something of a mouthpiece for the PLO. So what happened? Where is its money coming from to fund the paper and its nine staff? The editor laughs bitterly. "You may well ask," Mr Attwan says. "Now we are not getting on with our landlord in London. And saying she would repeat her yesterday, the bailiffs came to

Suharto flies back to streets of rage

By Richard Lloyd Parry

IN SOME of the worst mob violence ever seen in Jakarta, 10 people were killed and shops, homes and cars were burned, hours after Indonesia's opposition leaders called on the armed forces to join them in deposing President Suharto.

Eyewitnesses said that nine ethnic Chinese were burned to death after gangs of youths attacked their homes, shouting "Let's kill the Chinese" and "Let's wipe out the Chinese". At least one other person was killed and more than 25 were injured as police and soldiers fired live rounds and plastic bullets in intermittent attempts to control the mob in the streets around Trisakti University.

It was the second day of violence in the Indonesian capital. On Tuesday police shot dead six students from the Trisakti campus. But what began as an act of remembrance for the dead students then degenerated into a frightening outburst of racist resentment directed against Indonesia's wealthy Chinese minority.

Two of the students were buried yesterday after an electrifying campus rally attended by the country's most influential and respected opposition leaders, including Megawati Sukarnoputri, daughter of Indonesia's founding president, and Ali Sadikin, a retired marine general and former mayor of Jakarta. All of them denounced the killings of the students, called for the continuation of peaceful demonstrations and urged the armed forces to act against Suharto in order to further political reform.

"We make our appeal to the senior commanders of the Indonesian armed forces," said Amien Rais, the American-educated political scientists who leads the 28 million strong Muslim organisation, Muhammadiyah. "They have two options. Either protect the in-



terests of one man and his family - or protect the entire nation. Muslims call on you to overthrow the power of exploitation."

All day the students continued their speeches within the university campus. But it was in the streets surrounding the campus that the most amazing scenes occurred as thousands of young men, mostly working class Jakartans, embarked on a five-hour rampage which police made only desultory attempts to

The demonstrators began by pulling down trees and fences

ry which burned under a flyover, sending up billows of black smoke and effectively closing off one of the main approaches to the centre of Jakarta. Then they moved towards the hotel and shopping centre owned by members of President Subarto's family. It was at this point that riot police formed a line across

a bridge over a canal. "Fuck Suharto! Kill the President!" the crowd screamed, as the police were driven back under a barrage of hurled rocks.

peatedly with a No Parking to intervene even when they sign ripped from a nearby pavement. Without any regard for their own safety, schoolboys carrying satchels ran within a few yards of the armed police. At first the police did no more than throw the stones back, but

c-coated rounds. The mob then marched down Kyai Tapa street, tearing up street signs and ornamental lamp posts in full view of sev-

eventually they started firing,

apparently with blank or plas-

to create barricades near the One man demolished a set of eral hundred riot police and university, then set fire to a lor- traffic lights by striking it re- marines, who made little effort came under fusillades of stones and petrol bombs.

The crowd then set a petrol station on fire. The mirrored glass windows of a branch of Bank Bali were smashed with stones; computer terminals ripped from inside were placed in a pile in the middle of the road and burned. By mid-afternoon, black clouds of smoke rose from at least five separate fires, all burning within a two mile radius.

At about 3 o'clock, a stolen Mitsubishi truck with smashed windows was driven towards a line of police. Shots rang out and the crowd scattered. A few minutes later, The Independent was shown the mutilated body of a man whose skull had been cracked open, apparently in a

collision with the truck. It was in the Cengkareng and Jelambar areas, north-west of the university, that gangs of looters set fire to Chinese shops and houses, killing nine people in the blazes. Less than 5 per cent of Indonesia's population is of a long, open exit wound.

Chinese extraction, but they control some 70 per cent of the country's wealth and have been increasingly targeted as scapegoats for the country's economic crisis.

There were intermittent volleys of shots all afternoon. Twenty-five people were treated at the university clinic, eight of them for wounds from plastic bullets. But one man was being operated on after being shot with a live round which entered the front of his shoulder and passed through out of his back, leaving

Special intervention forces prepare to fire at students demonstrating against President Suharto in the university city of Yogyakarta yesterday

Photograph: Maya Vidon/AFP

The police and army appear to have learned one lesson from events on Tuesday - that casualties, especially those among students, only inflame an already explosive political situation. There were similar, although less destructive demonstrations at universities in the cities of Surabaya and Yogyakarta, both of them, like Jakarta, on the island of Java.

The crisis in Indonesia remains fluid, as President Suharto is still absent from the country. Yesterday he announced he will curtail his state visit to Egypt. "He has changed his plans and he is leaving tomorrow after meeting [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak," one Indonesian official said.

President Suharto arrived in Cairo on Saturday to attend a summit meeting of developing countries and pay an official visit to Egypt, leaving behind his country rent by riots and its worst economic crisis in decades. The president has made no public comment on the rioting in Indonesia during his stay in Cairo.

The European Union yesterday called on Indonesia to investigate the deaths in recent disturbances and refrain from lethal force. "The loss of life in Indonesia is disturbing," said a statement released by the Foreign Office in Britain, current president of the EU.

The violence and boldness of this week's demonstrations show a remarkable change of mood in a people who have passively tolerated the rule of one man for 32 years. It is hard to believe that such as change can now be arrested, let alone reversed.

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Beauty business with an ugly side

ALONG with their coffee and their football, Colombians love nothing better than a beauty pageant. They were glued to their sets early yesterday to watch Miss Colombia take on 80 other girls for the Miss Universe title in Hawaii.

Their first hope? That their girl, Silvia Fernanda Ortiz, came home with the crown. As it turned out, she dropped out in the last five. Their second? That Miss Ortiz can stay out of the clutches of the drug lords, who are known for buying young beauty queens - often from poor families - with lavish gifts, jewellery, cash and cocaine.

Colombians were reminded of the problem last week when Luis Murcia Sierra, better known by his nickname Martelo, was detained in the capital



from Trinidad and Tobago

on suspicion of heading the notorious Bogota cocaine cartel. With him when arrested was Paula Andrea Salazar, a teenage beauty queen running for the provincial title of Miss

When the anti-drug squad found Martelo's personal photo album, it was full of sexy pictures of other beauty queens,



The new Miss Universe -

"I like beauty queens. I used

to change them every week but the Brazilian was the best of my life," the suspected drug lord told police. Another picture was of Alexandra Serrano, a beautiful teenage television presenter, who later admitted to Colombian reporters that she had met Martelo when she was 14 and that he had been "a divine boyfriend" until last year.

Since his detention, Martelo has been visited by a succession of beauty queens, models and young female television or film stars, police said. That reminded people of a former runner-up for Miss Colombia who, two weeks after the pageant, was found to have made an overnight conjugal visit to a jailed drug lord.

She was stripped of her title. Another former Miss Colombia runner-up, Claudia

including a former Miss Brazil Milena Garcia, admitted this - Leila Christine Schuester. week that she had had an affair "lieutenant" of former Medellin cartel chief Pablo Escobar.

Escobar, killed by Colombian troops five years ago, was renowned for buying beautiful women and taking them to his various ranches for weekend parties. His favourite game was watching them slide naked down the banisters of his staircase.

Although Martelo had many properties, police found his key possessions in three suitcases one full of emeralds and diamonds, one packed with cellular telephones and a pistol. and the third listing his bank accounts and payments to contacts.

Talen

Martelo's father, Lucho Murcia, is one of Colombia's top emerald dealers - a business rife with violence and often used as a money laundering outlet for

Zambians struggle for dignity under the burden of debt

I AM the only person in the breakfast room at Kapininga House when the middle-aged priest in clerical black enters. It is only after we have talked for some time that I discover he is the Archbishop of Lusaka.

He fulminates on the subject of Zambia's foreign debt and how the original sum has been repaid many times over and yet thanks to the dubious miracle of compound interest - the country owes more now than ever before. Every child born here emerges into the world with a debt of \$950 (£590) around his or her neck - the highest per capita debt anywhere in the world. More than that, he says, the Western nations, which take \$3 in debt repayments for every \$1 they give in aid, are the same countries who have taken Zambia's copper for years at unfair prices. Yet when I ask if I may get my notebook and interview him, the Catholic prelate comes over all discrect.

Church leaders in Zambia have a delicate line to tread. Their commentaries on the Cry of the Poor which insisted



economic and political life of the nation - and their impact on the most vulnerable citizens are not universally appreciated.

"Stop hiding behind God!" roared the Zambian Finance Minister recently, demanding that the Church should declare itself as a political party and stand for election against the government. It was a measure of how - in a country where the political opposition is largely ineffective - it is the Church which is the most powerful advocate for the vulnerable.

Five years ago it published a prophetic document Hear the

judged against basic questions about human dignity. It set up a project, funded from Britain by the Catholic aid agency Cafed, to monitor the impact on the very poor of the economic reforms - with their cuts in food, health and education budgets put in place to enable Zambia to pay the interests on its debt.

Its strength lies in the fact that its Justice and Peace secretariat is rooted in a network of information-gathering activists drawn from ordinary church members throughout the vast areas covered by its nine dioceses. They tour the villages collecting data on how much each family has eaten and spent

- and on what - each month. Added to that are the economic skills of a team led by an American Jesuit, Fr Peter Henriot, which has produced an appraisal which does not deny that reform is necessary, but insists the cost should not be borne dis-

proportionately by the poor. The Church has played an absolutely crucial role in keeping the government on its toes."

economic policies must be one senior civil servant in the Finance Ministry told me privately. It has also provided the economic data which has allowed Henry Northover, Cafod's policy analyst, to come up with a formula - now gaining support from other aid agencies - for economic reform which requires that a certain amount be spent on health and education before calculations are made on what level of debt repayments the

country can afford. What is being built by the Church and other non-governmental organisations and an intrepid free press is the beginnings of that civil society which is vital to underpin true

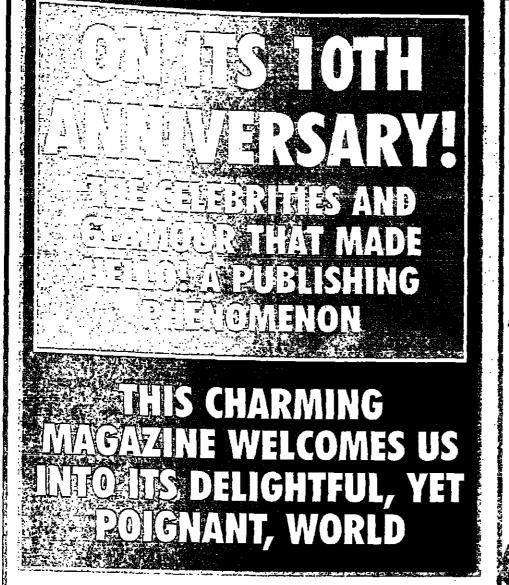
Life and death decisions on debt should not be left solely in the hands of Western financiers and African élites. Mechanisms are being created by which policy can be influenced by the people whose lives and deaths are at stake. Western politicians should back the process.

Tomorrow: Meeting the



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LAUNCHED 10 years ago by its Spanish proprietor, Hello!, the British version of Hola!, plugged a huge gap in the market that few realised existed. A strange hybrid of Tatler and TV Times, it showed the rich and famous as they had never been seen before.

Sharon Ring, editor of its young rival OK!, pays tribute: "Everybody thought that it wouldn't be successful here, but it was. People were getting very cheesed off with British newspapers and, anyway, being photographed by John Swannell or Terry O'Neill was much more appealing than a headshot in grimy black and white newsprint."

More and more celebrities flocked to Hello!, eager to tell their stories in this flattering format. Why risk ridicule in the increasingly satirical Tatler when the Marquesa's mob would give full picture and copy approval? And the cheques were nice. The publicity-shy Earl Spencer is reputed to have trousered £350,000 for happy snaps of him and his lovely wife. Hello!'s popularity with the rich and famous has led to the virtual privatisation of commodities that had once been in public ownership.

The public lap it up just the same. Some 530,000 people buy it, but having shelled out their £1.35 they are lucky to get BY LOUISE LEVENE

a sniff of the thing because a minimum of four other people will have nicked it by then several hundred people if you happen to be a hairdresser.

Like excitable goldfish, Hello!'s journalists note with happy surprise that various Clist celebrities have "a new man in their lives". And it's always the same people. You begin to wonder if the Grimaldis, the Spencers and Jane Seymour are on an annual retainer.

Once upon a time, this sort of media massage was reserved for very famous people indeed. You know: Jackie Onassis, Margot Fonteyn, Aly Khan. Hello!, with dozens of editorial pages to fill, widened its net to include musclebound, stone-washed young men from daytime soap operas swanning around a kidneyshaped pool with a large photogenic dog. Britt Ekland, Joan Collins – anybody.

Solid gold junk. And such large helpings. You'd have trouble showing a polite interest in 27 pages of your own sister's wedding, yet Hello! routinely runs roll after roll of virtually identical snaps. A morning suit on the cover always seems to jack up the circulation, but the magazine's wholesome obsession with

brides and grooms is very definitely a triumph of hope over experience.

This week's tenth anniversary issue looks back at the weddings of Viscount Althorp, Mandy Smith and Bill Wyman, Elizabeth Taylor and Raine Spencer, to name but a few of the short-lived alliances it has celebrated. And you'd think by now that the "curse" would make people think twice about inviting the magazine into their

But the money does help. Paul Gascoigne's breathtakingly vulgar brocade-fest is widely alleged to have set them back £100,000. Worth every penny. The 694,000 sale topped the infamous shots of Andy and Fergie "sharing some intimate family moments" (changing nappies). Until the funeral of

lovely homes.

Princess Diana (1.2m copies), Gazza and Shezza at the altar was the bestselling cover to date. For everyday use, though, you couldn't beat the Diana, whose perennial loveliness caused mags to just walk off the shelves - 61 times. Hello! is now without its fallback cover and publishing director Sally Cartwright is determined to use her posthumous image sparingly: "It

would be exploitative." But a lot of copies are impulse purchases and the re-

maining royals are not an automatic draw, OK!'s Ring notes rather astutely that although the tenth anniversary edition of Hello! proudly lists its best-selling covers "they don't tell you the ones that bombed. The ones with the Euro-Royals that no-one ex-

ested in.' Hello?'s outdated fascination with the Almanach de Gotha has allowed OK! to make significant strides in the market. It's more British, Jess of a house magazine for the continental aristocracy, but like Hello! it has deep pockets and nice manners and it beats the tabloids at their own game.

cept the proprietor is inter-

"The tabloids are green with envy at the stories we get," insists Ring, Richard Barber. former editor of OK!, explains the attraction: "They go to Hello! or OK! because they know they're not going to be mucked about." Often the papers have to

cover the stories at second hand. Should the Duchess of York at some future date 'share' with Hello! her elopement with Colin Stagg, the

newspapers would be forced to report the fact and buy the pictures. The outrageous sums paid can be partly recouped in syndication rights if a magazine buys out the photographer.

Barber remembers a recent gamble: "OK! spent a rumoured \$2m for Michael Jackson's first baby pictures but they made half their money back and they go on selling."

If they cannot outbid the opposition the tabloids are obliged to put a fresh spin on events. Max Clifford thinks that this explains this week's handling of the Dent-Brocklehurst wedding (which OK! has ring-fenced). "The couple had been bought up so the papers think 'We'll have some fun bere." A ploy which resulted in the bride and groom coming a poor second to Liz Hurley's rhinestone drawers. They were all over the tabloids, but OK! has taken the unusual step of focusing on Mr and Mrs Dent-Brocklehurst and Hur-

ley's knickers ended up firm-

ly on the spike: "We've simply

they're not showing," says Ring demurely.

This sounds like an editorial decision made on taste grounds but is more likely a veto by the Dent-Brocklehursts who are unlikely to have waived picture approval. This craven attitude to celebrity muscle is the chief criticism levelled at Hello! and OK!.

In fact, Hello!'s very blandness can bull the celeb into stitching themselves up far more comprehensively than the journalist ever could. As one former Hello! writer says: "It's a trust thing. People are much more open with you in the end because they actually feel safe.'

The whole copy approval question is not peculiar to the Eurotrash of Hello!, More and more American glossies are pandering to their interview subjects. They need the big names and faces on the cover and will do any dirty deal to secure them. Hello! did not invent copy approval. Clifford seldom settles for anything less. "I was doing that long before Hello! magazine used a nice shot of her where started up. As a PR, you want

as much control as possible,"

Clifford is a big fan professionally: "It's a PR person's dream. Even if you're looking after the devil incarnate they come across as Mother Teresa." But when pressed, Clifford reveals that he doesn't find it a particularly useful tool in news management. "It doesn't have any credibility. The only people who believe Hello! are totally out of touch with reality. If I really want to make a point or get something across that is going to help build a career or stop a damaging innuendo, Hello!

magazine wouldn't work." Clifford himself would not allow them into his lovely home. "No, I don't want any of that. My home is my home. If that whatshisname from Through the Keyhole came in here I would personally break his neck."

So far, Clifford hasn't done Hello!, a distinction he shares with Ian Hislop, who must surely lead the field as The Man Most Unlikely To? Not if Sally Cartwright has her way: "Ooohh I have hopes of Ian Hislop one day...'



PASS THE HELLO! CELEBRITY CHALLENGE?

OK, which of the allowing have been featured in 'Hello!'?

Shane McGowan David Hockney Gore Vidai Mother Teresa Salman Rushdie Stephen Fry Madeleine Albright Mad' Frankie Fraser Vanessa Redgrave Ken Livingstone Land St John of

Fawsley Rita Hayworth

Talent, addiction and all that jazz

lames Maycock looks at the life of trumpet great Chet Baker, who died 10 years ago this week

THE question, "What's your favourite type of high?", asked by Bruce Weber of his subject. Chet Baker, near the end of Let's Get Lost, is followed by a disquieting reply: "Oh, the kind of high that scares other people to death. I guess they call it a speedball ... It's a mixture of cocaine and heroin. It is the first time Weber directly confronts Baker about his lengthy addiction to heroin. With a languor and weariness that he exudes throughout the documentary. YeL in Let's Get Lost, there

are two unintentionally prophetic comments that allude to Baker's imminent death. At the beginning. William Claxton, the photographer who captured Baker's photogenic qualities in the 1950s, is saddened at his physical decline and admits to Weber, "I thought, 'It's probably the last time I'll ever see him." I hope it's not true." Towards the end, a young French man plends with Baker to play one more song for the audience in Cannes. explaining tactlessly that they many not hear him again. Baker, with a slight sense of irritation. replies. "I'm not dead yet." On 13 May 1988, just months

unveiled at the Venice Film Festival, Baker died after falling out of a window of an Amsterdam hotel, clutching his trumpet. Whether he was pushed, fell or committed suicide has not been explained and his mysterious demise added to the myth that already engulfed him.

The relationship between the image and the music of Baker is an intimate one and those who seek to separate the two are misguided. His songs, especially his ballads, hinted at the sadness of the impossibility of recapturing the romance and innocence of one's youth. This emotion became more moving as he grew older and the tragedy of his life, physically etched onto his face, revealed itself.

Baker was modest about the praise bestowed on him. In the 1980s, he confessed that he had not been prepared for the adulation he had received in the 1950s. He also admitted that he thought his fame was unjustified and did, occasionally, agree with the negative criticism directed at him. It was at the end of the 1960s that his initial popularity faltered. Many of the jazz critics who had praised him now accused him of imitating the sound of Bix Beiderbecke and emphasised Baker's lack of range as a trumpeter. Yet, these

prolific musician until his death in 1988

Despite being hooked on

heroin. Chet Baker was a

within this range he excelled. Baker could not read music, but in "Let's Get Lost" his mother recollects his phenomenal ability to play songs by ear as a child. At the age of 17, he played briefly with Charlie Parker, and Gerry Mulligan, whose quartet Baker joined for nine months in 1952, once described him as "the most talented trumpet player I ever played with". It was in this innovative quartet that Baker and Mulligan fluently complimented each other and gained considerable notoriety.

Baker's reflective, understated sound was partly inspired by Miles Davis' performance on the album The Birth Of The Cool. It was a sound that would epitomise Californian jazz in the 1950s. In 1953, he formed his own group with pianist and composer Russ Freeman and instilled his style of playing on Freeman's original compositions as well as the popular songs they recorded. The individual style of his trumpet playing definitely influenced the intimate quality of his singing, as he once explained: until his death in 1988. "If I hadn't been a trumpet player, I don't know if I would have

In 1955, a year before he became addicted to heroin, Baker toured Europe for eight months. It was the longest period that an critics failed to mention that American jazz musician had

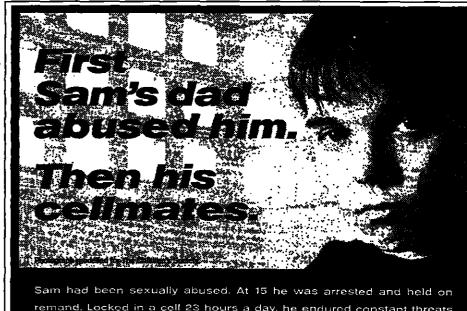
arrived at singing that way."

performed there and he built up a considerable reputation, which helped him survive financially in the late 1970s and 1980s.

If the consistent quality of his musical output diminished in the 1960s, the myth surround ing Baker grew. In 1960, film director Dino de Laurentis wanted Baker to act in the film, All The Fine Young Cannibals, a film tentatively based on Baker's own life. This idea was thwarted because Baker wes imprisoned in Italy for 16 months for possessing and importing drugs. He was released from the prison in Lucca in 1962 and was, consequently, deported from Germany in the ame year. In 1963, he was briefly imprisoned in Britain

before, again, being deported. In 1968, another incident added to Baker's mythic status. He was performing in Sausalito and travelled to San Francisco to buy drugs from a man in a hotel. He was met by several men who hit his mouth so violently that all his teeth had to be removed. Baker did not play his trumpet for three years and it was another trumpeter, Dizzy Gillespie, who helped him to restart his career in the early 1970s. Despite his continuing addiction to heroin. Baker's musical recovery increased steadily and he remained unexpectedly prolific

Ten years after his death, Let's Get Lost remains one of the most poignant, romantic portraits of a jazz musician and it made Baker as potent an icon of 1950s America as Marlon Brando or James Dean.



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before Let's Get Lost was to be

Child B: the truth about her last days



THE story of Jaymee Bowen, better known as Child B, is one of the most harrowing in the recent history of the NHS. When she came to public notice in early 1995, aged 10, she had spent half her life battling cancer. The disease had returned (as acute myeloid leukaemia) and her family and doctors faced an agonising choice: whether to keep her comfortable until she died or whether to persist with more aggressive treatment in the

hope of a cure. It is a question that sooner or later every cancer victim faces. In Jaymee's case, everyone had an opinion, but there were no clear answers, as the first detailed study of her tragic case, published today by the King's Fund, makes clear.

It is a story of a father driven by despair over his dying child, a health authority cleaving to its public responsibility. and eminent consultants at loggerheads over the best way forward. Above all it demonstrates that what was presented at the time as a row about NHS rationing was, in truth, nothing of the sort. It was about what sort of treatment was appropriate for a child staring death in the face. As Professor Albert Weale of Essex University says in the foreword: "If tragedy is the clash of right against right, here, quite simply, was a tragedy."

Health Authority, responsible for Jaymee's care, refused to pay for a second bone marrow transplant that her story made the headlines in March 1995.

Her father, David Bowen, a volatile and determined man,

Everybody had an opinion about. how to treat Jaymee Bowen as she battled against leukaemia. But as a new study reveals, nobody could agree. Jeremy Laurance reports

had decided she should be given the chance of life, however slim and whatever the human and financial cost. He committed himself to obtaining the treatment she needed, working night and day in libraries, telephoning experts around the world, cajoling and lying his way into their consulting rooms.

The result was that Jaymee's case became a cause célèbre, portrayed as an example of NHS rationing at its worst in which callous bureaucrats were denying a young girl a chance of life. David Bowen went to court to compel the health authority to pay for further treatment. He lost, but the publicity generated by the case achieved the end he wanted. An anonymous donor agreed to pay the £75,000 cost of further treatment, which began in March 1995 in a private London clinic.

Jaymee lived for a further year, longer than most consultants had given her. During that year she had further chemotherapy and an experimental treatment known as donor lymphocyte infusion. Her indomitable spirit carried her through and she appeared to think the pain and discomfort was worth it.

A Panorama programme shown in October 1996 made her an instant celebrity. Asked for her advice to other children in her position, she replied: "Never give up. Never give up until you are on the last drop of life."

By March of the following year, however, she had apparently had enough. The reaction known as graft-versus-host disease that the paediatric oncol-

ogists had feared and which had until then been held in check settled in her langs. She had difficulty breathing, it became painful to swallow and sombtimes she was so short of breath she could hardly climb the stairs. Two months later, she died a harrowing death.

In this unique and sensitive study, the authors, Professor Chris Ham and Susan Pickard of the Health Services Management Centre at the University of Birmingham, were granted interviews by all the protagonists in the case, most importantly with the senior consultants, who have never spoken about it before. The most surprising aspect of the report is the profound disagreement among them and the hostility which they felt towards each other.

The paediatric cancer specialists who cared for Jaymee most of her life at Addenbrooke's and who were consulted for a second opinion at the Royal Marsden in London believed palliative care was the only option. It would allow her to enjoy what remained of her life, avoiding further suffering - and there was no guarantee, anyway, that more aggressive treatment would gain her extra time. Dr Valerie Broadbent of Addenbrooke's said that all her clinical experience confirmed that further intensive best interests. She was concerned with what she called "good death and bad death." Dr Simon Meller of the Royal Marsden was unequivocal. "I people with proper cancer. We won't go on doing treatments do prolong their life."



that I think are wrong for children or unkind to children."

The adult leukaemia specialists whom David Bowen consulted at Hammersmith Hospital and the private Portland Clinic took the view that extending Jaymee's life was worthwhile even if she could not be cured. They cited Mr Bowen's strong wish to do everything possible and Jaymee's courageous attitude to her illness. Professor John treatment in Jaymee's case Goldman of the Hammersmith said: "If you say that just prolonging people's lives for six months is futile, then for practical purposes I'm out of business. We don't cure that many

Dr Peter Gravett, the consultant haematologist who treated Jaymee privately, said: "Paediatricians feel that if there is no protocol then there should be no treatment."

This clash of philosophy generated fierce animosity. The paediatricians accused the adult specialists of "clinical arrogance" and the adult specialists responded with charges of "empire building" by the paediatricians.

It was also a clash between state and private medicine. As one paediatrician put it: "Some somebody is trying to tell them how they should or shouldn't practise medicine. It's very classical behaviour of famous specialists. They usually have a very sure that more good is done

ever rules we decide are appropriate in the NHS, they won't apply to private practice."

Each side clung to its own view and its right to disagree. As the report says, it reflects the individualistic values to which medicine has always subscribed. The report recommends that a limit be placed on the number of opinions that patients and health authorities are allowed to seek (the Patients Charter currently permits two) and that children should be given a greater say in how decisions are made.

Was it all worth it for Jaymee? The central issue in the case was the ancient medical conundrum of how to en-

death, the specialists disagree on the benefits of her treatment. Professor Goldman said it had achieved its object of buying more time. Dr Broadbent maintained that she would almost certainly have enjoyed as much good quality life with pal-

liative care, even though she

might have died sooner. Near the end, Jaymee was asked if she was prepared for death. In her reply she expressed her longing to be free of the body to which she had been shackled. "There is nothing to be scared of and ho fully it won't be painful. I don't want to die, but if I do and there is an afterlife I want to come

back as a butterfly."

Every single day you buy is priceless ? othe Re

TWO years after jaymee's death, her father David remains convinced he did the right thing for his daughter. He won her an extra year of life when she was, in his words, facing "Imminent ex-

"Every single day you buy in that situation is priceless. There is no other word for it," he said yesterday.

The extra year brought much happiness and the human cost, in terms of her own suffering, was not excessive, he says. "I have got a photo album full of happy memories. She thoroughly enjoyed every minute she had. She went to Disneyland and to Harrods and did all sorts of things she would never have done. Even when she was in hospital the chemotherapy didn't affect her that much. She was just that kind of person."

His chief complaint about the NHS is that because she was a child, the right to decide her own fate was removed from her and given: to the paediatricians. When, by his own efforts, he established that there were other options — held out by the adult leukaemia specialists he consulted – there was no system for considering them. He wanted to get all the doctors and the health authority to sit down and thrash out the differences between them. Instead, all communications between him and the NHS managers who were denying his daughter treatment were by fax and phone, a point criticised in the King's Fund re-

"If they were going to rob her of the possibility of life they should at least have explained why," he said.

The end of his battle to eave her has left him feeling empty, he says. "For such a long period my entire life was consumed with it 24 hours a day. Now I get up in the morning and feel I am not much use anymore."

Jeremy Laurance

Sir John

My part-time husband is wreaking havoc at home



VIRGINIA IRONSIDE Diane's husband works abroad four weeks in six. On his return, he struts around like the man of the house, ticking off the kids. He only wants to be with Diane, so she can't maintain a social life. She loves her husband, but how can she cope?

WHEN cats return home after a spell away they go round the house wiggling their tails and spraying in every corner. They want to re-establish their territory. It sounds as though Diana's husband, after his absence, is indulging in similar kind of feline behaviour, making his mark on the children, by disciplining them over little matters. He has to make his

Lots of part-time partners do the same. Some come home and make it party time - "Hey I'm back, relax everyone!" which can be equally irritating to the partner left at home if she

has spent weeks trying to cobble together a status quo. It sounds as though Diane's husband is terrified of not be-

ing needed after his long time away, too, so he creates things to do, whether they're appropriate or not. He wants Diane to himself for similar motives -he wants to surround her with his presence like a fog, and not risk meeting anyone else who might entertain her or leave their mark on her.

On the other hand, Diane probably feels, at some level, extremely angry at being abandoned for a month at a time. Plus, it's been a struggle for her

to keep going alone, and every time her husband comes home rung for his advice when the he appears to delight in mucking up her carefully construct-

ed routine. How can they improve matters? It sounds as though they don't communicate a lot when he's away. Maybe they feel the time-difference is too hard to maintain proper contact, or it's too expensive to make endless long-distance calls several times a day. But it's worth it.

That way Diane's husband can do a bit of his spraying over the phone. Diane should ask him if he'd like to be consulted on domestic matters and my guess

is that he would. He'd like to be fridge starts to leak; he'd like to be told what homework had to be done when the kids came back from school; he'd like to be asked whether he thinks lime green is the right colour for the kitchen; he'd even like to be asked if he thinks she should cut the grass.

Of course, maybe he would not like to be consulted. Maybe his life is one long round of meetings (What does go on in meetings by the way? I've never been to one. I imagine they're a lot of waffle going in a boardroom with clipboards and glasses of water and new pencils). Maybe he is so pre-occupied with writing minutes (another baffling area) that he has no time to discuss household matters. If so, Diana's perfectly justified in getting furious when he comes home and starts moving

the furniture around. Whatever they do, they should do something out about the children, who will otherwise get extremely baffled by the double standards imposed in their home and, worse, dread their father's return as he struts about like a petty Hitler. And why Diana can't maintain a social life during her husband's absences is beyond me. Maybe she'll worry about being called

a fair-weather friend if she cuts But a more subtle approach is off every so often for a fortnight, but most friends can hang on

At the moment this marriage is not a happy one. Ultimately, it might be worth considering her husband getting a job nearer home even if it means a cut in pay. It all depends whether both Diane and he consider the maintenance of their marriage as a real priority in their lives.

READERS' REPLIES

I work away from home a lot of the time, but my partner keeps in touch all the time. We ring each other sometimes three times a day, send e-mails and faxes and write letters. She has a full social life and I trust her completely, and it's always wonderful to be back at home - like a honeymoon every time. Diane's husband sounds like a control freak. Even if he were at home all the time I think she'd find things difficult. She says she loves him, but does he love her? They need to sort

things out - quickly. Alan, Richmond

I'd have a rip-roaring row with with him for being so unappreciative of my efforts to manage family affairs in his absence.

necessary. Perhaps he is trying to re-establish his identity and impose his own personality on the family each time he comes home, and in doing so wreaks havoc. Like a child he needs reassurance that he is needed and loved. Diane should stress how much they miss him and need him. If this doesn't improve things she might show him a list of the points in her letter. He may not realise how much trouble he is causing. Then, he probably does, in which case straight talking may help him grow up.

My husband is quite different to Diane's. He comes home at weekends and expects everything to be done for him. He lives in a hotel during the week and sometimes I think be sees his home as just another botel. He indulges the children and refuses to discipline them, so I feel I am the monster of the family. He also expects me to get them out of the way when he wants a rest. Also, he's very social and often he's down at the pub with old friends. If I were Diane I wouldn't worry. She's lucky to have a husband who seems to want to contribute to family life, even if it is rather over the top.

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NEXT WEEK'S DILEMMA

We have taken a house in the should we take him with us? [summer. The problem is our car. who is very dependent on us. Should we put him in a cattery for a month? Of should we leave him at home with someone popping in to feed him? Or

country for a month during the am terrified he might get lost if we do. Yours, Mandy

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suggestions to Virginia Ironside at the Features Department. The Independent, I Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL (fax: 0171-293 2182), by Tuesday morning. If you have a dilemma of your own that you would like to share, please let me know.

JUST a few months before he died Philip Caraman sent to a one feels, might well have done busy. That they should have man to be crossed or opposed 1980 and then, between 1981 and 1986, he split his time befellow Jesuit three photographs, suggesting that they might be useful in some eventual obituary of him. Caraman was not one to act without purpose and so it can be no accident that the photographs show him at widely different moments of his varied and significant ministry.

In one he is blessing a newly built ship in Norway; in another he is smilingly presenting a cage of white doves to Pope Paul VI at the canonisation of the 40 martyrs of England and Wales; in the third he stands under a broad-brimmed hat on a In 1948 he was appointed edimountain top in South America, for all the world like Keats's Cortez upon his peak in Darien. Much lay before and after those moments.

Philip Caraman was born in in 1911, his family's roots being in what he would surely have called the Levant rather than the more pedestrian Middle the family and two boys. After novel Helena, and that assishis schooling at Stonyhurst he joined the Society of Jesus at Roehampton in 1930. His brother John had preceded him in no awe of the great and the to be a missionary in Rhodesia and Zimbabwe, where with charming eccentricity he wore His contacts were many, varied a solar topee to the last. Philip and fruitful, his offices were

His Jesuit formation included reading History at Campion Hall, where Father Martin D'Arcy, an ever-formative influence, was Master. Caraman was ordained priest in 1945 at Farm Street and that was to be his home for the next 16 years At the time a "House of

Writers" was part of the Jesuit

apostolate at Farm Street, with its own quarters in the house immediately adjoining the church. Caraman became one of those 'writers" and so he remained. tor of the Month, giving it a new format and a new style calculated to appeal to the Catholic readership of post-war Britain. Friends of the stature of Evelyn Waugh and Graham Greene Golders Green, north London, were happy to be associated with his new venture, and theirs was a relationship of mutual support. Caraman greatly assisted Waugh with the histori-East. There were seven girls in cal background to his 1950 tance was always gratefully

acknowledged. Like D'Arcy, Caraman was there six years before. John was good and the famous and he was no stranger to what he is unlikely to have called networking.

been termed by some the "cara- and there were those who found manserai" was perhaps in- him intransigent and unyielding. evitable. These were the years The mischievous twinkle in his of his biographies of the early British Jesuits like William Weston and Henry Morse and of his tributes to later men like Fr Francis Devas and Fr Joseph Keating. In 1956 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal

Society of Literature. In 1959 he was appointed vice-postulator of the cause for canonisation of the 40 martyrs of England and Wales, a responsibility which appealed to his religious and historical sensibilities and which he promoted with enthusiastic devotion and an elegant pen. He was in St Peter's when the canonisation was proclaimed by Paul VI in 1970 - along with the doves and the photographer.

His great friend Alec Guinness recalls another occasion when they had come into St Peter's wrapped British-style against wind and weather only to be flunkeyed forward into totally unsuitable prominence, Caraman looking "rather like some crumpled curate from an impoverished English vicarage". It was otherwise when he received into the Catholic Church such famous figures as

Edith Sitwell. For all his charm and cour-

eye could harden in no uncertain fashion. He left Farm Street in history. 1963 and in 1965 the work on the At the age when bishops and

martyrs was put into other hands. Caraman then made his first stay in Norway, working as a missionary in a foreign land whose language he had to learn, and in a none too receptive climate. It gave him, he said, ample time for writing and so he completed his biography of Fr C.C. Martindale.

Towards the end of 1968 he was asked to lecture in church history in the Westminster diocesan seminary, then still in Hertfordshire, an appointment he enjoyed and which allowed him to conduct researches into the Jesuit reduction in Paraguay. That also took him to Rome and to South America, even to the mountain peaks, and The Lost Paradise was duly published in 1975.

That done, Caraman returned to Norway, working first in Trondheim and then in Tonsberg, where the cameras captured him blessing a new ship in the yards. After three years he returned to England and was soon at work on a history of the Gregorian University. Research into the history of the Jesuits in tesy Philip Caraman was not a Australia took him there in

and 1986, he split his time between London and Rome each year, working on contributions to an encyclopaedia of Jesuit

parish priests are required to offer their resignation Caraman took charge of the rural parish of Dulverton in Somerset - a mischievous twinkle at that point surely? - again caring for a diversified flock and finding time for writing and research. Just before going to Dulverton he had completed a book on the exploits of the Jesuit missionaires in Ethiopia in the late 16th century and he was soon at work on the biography of St Ignatius Loyola which came out in 1990. His book on the journeying of 17th-century Jesuits into Tibet (Tibet: the Jesuit century) was published only last month and at Caraman's own request was toasted by his brethren at Farm Street in traditional style.

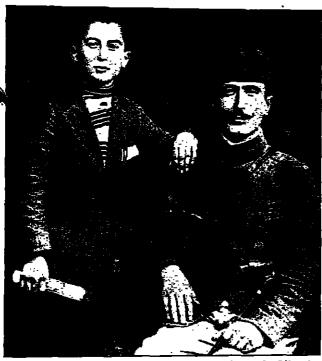
He had been a Jesuit priest and a Jesuit writer 53 years. To Philip Caraman that was a double vocation which he embraced fully and fruitfully.

Michael O'Halloran Sj

Philip George Caraman, priest and writer: born London II August 1911; ordained priest 1945; Editor, the Month 1948-64; FRSL 1956; died Brushford, Somerset 6 May 1998.



Double vocation: Caraman blessing a ship in Tønsberg, Norway, in 1978



Duma, left, aged 12, with his brother Mehmet in Albania, 1920. He came to England in the 1930s and stayed, a wartime minder to King Zog and post-war expatriate leader

Dervish Duma

of the last survivors from the world of pre-war diplomacy and for 60 years a pre-eminent servant of the Albanian people, as diplomatic representative, wartime broadcaster and unofficial leader of the expatriate Albanian community in Britain.

He was born into a landowning family in the southern coastal village of Borsh in 1908. On 28 November 1912 Albania, the last remaining province of the crumbling Ottoman Empire, declared independence from Turkish rule. Her Balkan neighby Greek troops.

The family moved to the port of Vlore, where Dervish was en-1920 he was transferred as one

DERVISH DUMA was one of the first year's intake to the new American Technical College in Tirana. Englishspeaking liberally educated Albanians were in short supply, and at the age of 20 he was appointed General Secretary of the Royal Albanian Gendarmerie, then under British command. The CO, Major-General Sir Jocelyn Percy, recognised Duma's potential and arranged for him to go to

1933 to 1935. On his return to Albania, bours, however, had other plans Duma entered the diplomatic for the territory and in 1913 service and was given the dual

England to study public ad-

ministration at the LSE from

Given that of his two col- and affability were put to good

leagues in London the minister, Lee Kurti, was blind and did not speak English and the First Secretary was the notorious playboy Chatin Saraçi, Duma's presence there was valued. Early in 1939 he was made chargé d'affaires. However, on Good Friday of that year Mussolini invaded Albania, declaring it Italy's Second Overseas Province (the First being Ethiopia). The military logistics of this operation were considerably facilitated by the fact that the Albanian army was being run by Italian advisers.

Duma was recalled to Tirana but elected to stay in Britain, to Western ways. Duma once the moderate Kosovar leader appointment of First Secretary where Sir Eric Bowater offered to the Albanian Delegation to him a job with the paper corthe League of Nations in Gene-poration. He had a long and sucva and Second Secretary to the cessful career with Bowaters £1,000 in today's money. rolled in an Italian school. In Albanian Legation in London. where his charm, diplomacy

use, particular in developing relationships with American publishers.

In 1940 he inaugurated the BBC's Albanian service. Through his nightly broadcasts he became the voice of hope and freedom for his oppressed countrymen. During the Second World War he also acted as minder to the deposed Albanian ruler, King Zog, who had arrived in London via Greece and Egypt in 1941 and taken up residence in the Ritz Hotel with his wife and entourage of five unmarried sisters. Zog spoke no English and was unaccustomed rescued him trying to buy a

After the war Duma be-

Wilson's government for a community in Britain, and through annual visits maintained contact with the sizeable groups that had emigrated to America in the 1920s. At his death he was Chairman of the Anglo-Albanian Association: he had served on its committee

for 62 years. The misery wrought upon Albania under the dictatorship of Enver Hoxha brought Duma much anguish, and he enjoyed a new lease of life after the fall of the Communist regime in 1991. He was visited in Surrey by Pjeter Arbnori, Speaker of the Albanian parliament, and Ibrahim Rugova; he saw his son, paltry yearly saving of £12,000. Urbane, dapper and immensely charming, Dervish

Duma was a witty conversationalist and an accomplished raconteur. His Italian, though little used since 1920, remained perfectly pronounced though of limited vocabulary. He was flattered to be taken for a native speaker of the language on a recent visit to Rome. He was a stickler for correct usage in English and Albanian and leaves a body of poetry in both

Andrew van der Beek

Dervish Duma, diplomatist, broadpacket of cigarettes in Bond Alexander, installed as Hon- coster, businessman and community Street with a £50 note - over orary Consul in 1992, and was leader: born Borsh, Albania 4 July invited to reinaugurate the 1908; married 1936 Naftali Andoni BBC's Albanian service - it had (died 1966; one son); died West came a leader of the Albanian been closed down under Harold Horsley, Surrey 6 May 1998.

Sir John Nabarro

tient" in his or her family and health problem as well as a the issues for which he had social setting that drew him into personal medical predicament. responsibility. diabetes, and through the British Diabetic Association made him such a tireless champion for the diabetes cause.

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He led the clinicians and scientists as Chairman of the Medassociation, indeed was one of Executive Committee, he argued and won the patients' case for NHS provision of blood glucose strips and modern syringes and insulins. He fostered the evolution of Diabetes Centres which have so greatly raisco me quanty of difference and dentials were excellent and his and unusual problems from accommodate them – and generalist doctor at heart.

Diabetes with its complications of blindness, amputations. kidney failure and beart attacks consumes about 10 per cent of the NHS budget. Nabarro contributed powerfully to ical and Scientific Section of the the ongoing case that, with modern knowledge, much of its founder members; later, as the misery of diabetes can be Chairman of the association's prevented and its long-term costs greatly reduced, given the will and some shorter-term wherewithal to tackle it.

in all he did, making great demands upon himself and expecting a like performance from ing clinical endocrinologist, be those working with him. His cre- attracted referrals of difficult

In today's jargon, he gave everything he did his "best shot". In the line of duty, he was no easy colleague. The words were few, but the flesh sizzled. To his patients he was a model physician, one who listened, supported and sympathised. encouraged and exhorted, inspired confidence, affection and sometimes awe.

His intelligence, integrity and immense capacity for hard Nabarro was a perfectionist and sometimes defiant work were recognised by his colleagues in many ways. As a lead-

IT WAS John Nabarro's broad ed the recognition of diabetes purposes uncompromising - to all over the country. His made a remarkably good job concern for "the whole pa- as a major national public do the best for the patients and personal knowledge and experience were wide and unusualof the medical literature quite prodigious.

As a teacher, a role he rel-

ished, he was meticulous and accurate with an impish humour and apposite anecdote that made his lessons memorable. The Royal College of Physicians and the Royal Society of Medicine elected him to high professional office. For the turbance in the body's content Department of Health, he undertook the near impossible task of fashioning a scheme to balance better the number of junior training posts and the number of consultant appointments ultimately available to

It was in his "diabetes life" ly well organised, his coverage I knew him best, first as a highly focused clinical scientist, one of the group of bright young persons back from the Army and laying the foundations of sound. science-based medicine in the university departments which lived then in such productive symbiosis with the new NHS.

> His concern was with how best to correct the severe disof water and salts that occurs when diabetes gets out of control, later with methods for measuring the tiny quantities of insulin in the blood. He was above all a clinician and, despite his high specialism, a

he demitted the Chair of the British Diabetic Association I

> senting him with a token of our esteem, a postage stamp for his collection. It was not difficult to discover which one to get, a rare "Dutch cover" which all the informed philatelic agencies knew he was after. He was surprised and delighted and proceeded to deliver a crisp, highly informed disquisition on the stamp and its provenance. He collected and analysed

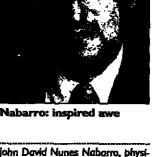
had the pleasant duty of pre-

the case records of all of his diabetic patients and produced a masterly summary of almost He was so authoritative as Joan, his wife, with his family sometimes to seem authoritar- around him. ian. A senior consultant friend

He was also a collector. As asked me why it was that, when "Nab" talked to him, he still felt like a junior house physician. When he first addressed me by my first name, I really felt that I had arrived. It was entirely in character

that the weekend before his death John Nabarro was in North Yorkshire to deliver a philatelic discourse of high quality for which he had been preparing for some weeks. Though increasingly hard of hearing, he was also able to enjoy his grandson's singing in Ripon Cathedral choir. Soon after he returned home, a massive stroke rendered him unconscious and he died a 7,000 of them after he retired. few hours later in the arms of

Harry Keen April 1998.



John David Nunes Nabarro, physician and endocrinologist born London 21 December 1915; Consultant Physician, Middlesex Hospital 1954-81 (Emeritus); Kt 1983; married 1948 Joan Cockrell (two sons, two daughters); died London 28

BIRTHS. MARRIAGES & DEATHS

DEATHS

SAUNDERS: Basil, on 10 May 1998, at Edenhall Marie Curie Centre. Beloved husband of the late Betty Saunders, loved and missed by sons Bill and Eddy, daughters Kate, Louisa, Etta and Charlotte, and grandchildren Tom, George, Felix and Elsa. Funeral, 18 May, 3pm, 5t Mary Brookfield, Dartmouth Park Road, NWS. Enquiries 0171-485 4672.

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mounts the Queen's Life Count at Herse Guards,
11 am. 1u Battaino Welsh Guards mounts the
Queen's Quard, at Batchingham Palace, 11.30am.
band provided by the Greendier Counts.

Birthdays

Miss Francesca Annis, actress, 53; Mr Miss Francesca Annis, acures, 33, Mr Richard Balfe, MEP, 54; Ms Hazel, Blears MP, 42; Mr Chay Blyth, yachtsman, 58; Vice-Admiral Sir Pe-ter Buchanan, 73; Mr Denis Cannan, playwright, 79; Mr Phil Drabble, television commentator, 84; Mr Michael Fallon MP, 46; Mr David Henry, actor. 58; Baroness Hogg, journalist and economist, 52; Mr Peter Kirsten, cricketer, 43; Professor Nicholas Kurti, Emeritus Professor of Physics, Oxford University, 90; Mr Edward Newman, MEP, 45; Canon John Oates, Rector, St Bride's, Fleet Street, 68; Mr Robert A. Parker, water-colour artist, 72; Miss Sian Phillips, actress, 64.

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Gainsborough, painter, haptised 1727. Dearths: Angust Strindberg, playwright, 1912; Henry John Heinz, food manufacturer, 1919. On this day: Louis XIV became king of France, at the age of four, 1643; Edward Jenner was successful in his first public vaccination experiment, 1796; in Palestine, the British mandate ended and Israel was proclaimed an independent state, 1948. Today is the Feast Day of St Carthage the Younger, St Frembert, St Mary Mazzarello, St Matthias, St Michael Garicoits and St Pontios of Cimiez.

Lectures

London School of Economics, London WC2: Melvyn Bragg, "British Television and the Culture"

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LAW REPORT: 14 MAY 1998

Documentary on funeral homes could be shown

Service Corporation international pic and another v Channel Four Television Corporation and another; Chancery Division (Mr Justice Lightman) 12 May 1998

WHERE a claim in copyright of film was used as a vehicle for a claim which truly lay in defamation, a television company would not be prevented by injunction from showing that film as part of a documentary programme, where they had a good prospect of establishing the defence of public interest.

The plaintiffs' application for an injunction to restrain the defendants from showing certain video film as part of a television documentary on funeral homes on the evening of 12 May was refused.

The second plaintiff, a subsidiary of the first plaintiff. owned and operated 584 fu-

working undercover for the Freedoms. second defendant, which was making a documentary on funeral homes, was employed by the second plaintiff as a trainee funeral director at a funeral home in Salisbury. He covertly filmed certain events at the home, showing corpses being subjected to disrespectful and abusive treatment, and coffins with corpses in them being used the application.

Charles Gray QC and Mark Warby (Dibb Lupton, Birmingham) for ality a claim brought to protect the plaintiffs; James Price QC and Jacob Dean (D.J. Freeman) for the the reliance on the other cause

as rubbish bins.

that the starting-point in any speech, the press and broad-very difficult to see the claims casters protected by article 10 made in the present case as oth-plaintiffs had to establish that

neral homes throughout the of the Convention of Human er than attempts to circumvent UK. In 1997 Ben Anderson, Rights and Fundamental the rule and to seek protection

Although the plaintiffs said that their application was mo-uitable ownership of the copytivated by the prospect of distress and concern amongst the 50 families who had used the Salisbury funeral home during the year that the events depicted had taken place, concern for the plaintiffs' reputation and goodwill plainly underlay

If a claim based on some other cause of action was in rethe plaintiff's reputation, and to circumvent the rule against Mr Justice Lightman said granting an injunction in a claim in defamation, the overapplication such as the present riding need to protect freedom public interest in freedom of same rule be applied. It was

for the plaintiffs' reputation. The plaintiffs claimed eq-

right in the film, alleging that Mr Anderson was the "maker" of the film, and had made it during his working hours and in breach of his duties of fidelity owed to the plaintiffs. An employer was, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, the owner of copyright in a work created by his employee in the course of his employment, and might be entitled in equity to the copyright in a work created by an employee of action was merely a device otherwise than in the course of his employment if the em- the refusal of an injunction, ployee had created the work in since the impact and value of breach of his fiduciary duty to the film depended on timing. his employer. No breach of news value and topicality; and

> be seen in the present case. To succeed in the action the

in the film and successfully to resist the defence that the showing of the film was in the public interest. The evidence before the court suggested that the defendants had a good prospect of establishing that defence.

they were entitled to copyright

Even if it were thought that the outcome of the litigation was uncertain, the court would exercise its discretion to refuse the injunction for the following reasons: the press and broadcasters should not be silenced on a matter so deeply affecting the public by a claim with limited or uncertain prospects of success; the balance of convenience favoured was the fundamental right and of speech required that the fiduciary duty could, however, the extraordinary and unacceptable delay by the plaintiffs in applying for the injunction.

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Toughest choices for the NHS

"IF REASONS for choices in health care were made public, the quality of decisions about priorities would improve and the public's understand-

That is the conclusion of the Kings Fund's report on the case of Jaymee Bowen. Of course it is hard to disagree with the idea that there should be more information about the way the National Health Service reaches its decisions. In its fifty years of existence the NHS's rationing of health care on clinical grounds has been, mostly, accepted but not comprehended. An educative process might indeed improve public understanding of the more unpalatable decisions; it cannot answer the crucial question of what body should be charged with making these most difficult choices in the first place.

The case of Jaymee Bowen revolved around whether the Cambridgeshire Health Authority, on the advice of doctors, was right to refuse to spend about £75,000 on a second bone-marrow transplant for her cancer. They judged that it had only the very slimmest chances of success. But there was an alternative opinion available which Jaymee's father naturally pursued. A private doctor agreed that the chances of ultimate survival for Jaymee were low, but thought that she would live longer and that the operation was thus "worth it". In the end the matter was decided by the courts, who agreed with the authority. An anonymous donor paid for the treatment to be done and Jaymee lived for another year or so.

The controversy arose because medical opinion diverged. It became acute because of the cost of the treatment. Circumstances were complicated by the rivalry between the two camps of doctors, who sometimes appeared to treat the case in a political rather than a clinical fashion. Medics are, after all, as prone to factionalism as any of us.

The important question is what is the best forum for the arbitration of the difficult, exceptional cases like Jaymee's. A court of law cannot be ideal. But neither is the "court" of public opinion. The patient or the patient's close family cannot be the ultimate arbiters: they will always look to any hope, even if it is not a realistic hope. Such emotive, complex and technical issues demand that the debate be carried out privately and deliberatively by competent people who enjoy the confidence of all those involved. It must be a high and independent body specifically charged with reaching a medical consensus. But the final decision about the commitment of public resources must remain with health service managers, who ought to be accountable to the public. Given the pace of the development of new, expensive drugs and procedures there will be more and more cases like Jaymee. Of course, as the Kings Fund says, health service practitioners should make clear the reasons for the decisions they take. But if that system is to work well we need also to confront the emotional impulse that every treatment. however expensive or unproven, should always be provided by the NHS.

Wakeham fails to hit the target

what they read should never be underestimated. Readers of the Daily Star. for example, may not score highly on advertisers' wish-lists or academic attainment tests, but they are not stupid enough to take silly headlines about frogs in football literally, especially if they have anything to do with Arsenal, Spurs or any other club which relies on French talent. Committees sitting in sententious judgement on the handiwork of back-page subeditors run a grave risk of themselves looking ridiculous.

But it is also the job of the Press Complaints Commission to fire warning shots across editorial bows and the Star and rivals tempted to follow its lead need to be warned. The forthcoming World Cup will excite passions and newspapers should report as we all would wish players on the field to behave - with engagement, but responsibly. Lord Wakeham and his colleagues know the score when it comes to international football competition. Who else is in a position to strike pre-emptively when newspapers are in danger of behaving badly? That chance has been open to them for months and the commission should have stirred itself sooner to prevent World Cup coverage becoming tainted by jingoism. In refusing to rule against the Daily Star's headline about kicking the French - deemed to be a mere matter of taste, and hence apparently outside the commission's remit - the commission has missed a trick.

Perhaps Lord Wakeham has forgotten that the commission is an adjudicator on trial. Substantive issues of privacy and press intrusion in the context of incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights remain to be settled. This episode can have won the commission few admirers.

Standing up to Stalin

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton is in Germany today to mark 50th anniversary next month of the Berlin airlift. It is worth recalling how it origins were in money, sound money. Stalin's fear of the efficacy of the new West German currency caused him to blockade the sectors of Berlin controlled by the Allies - an action encapsulating the economic perversion at the heart of Soviet Communism. For nearly a year Allied air forces kept the city alive and set the boundary to that containment of the Soviet Union which ended with the collapse of the Wall in 1989. Already the Cold War years seem far off; moments of high drama - such as the first RAF Dakotas trundling into Gatow - fade into the mists of video clips and school texts. But every once in a while, on anniversaries such as this, it is worth pausing to remember and celebrate the right decision, taken at the right time and the good consequences which flowed from it, both for Berliners and the West at large.



Sierra Leone's freedom

Sir: For the first time that I have seen, a correspondent (Letters, 13 May) has sought to set out the views of the Sierra Leonean people in the current

The facts, which have been considerably muddied when not ignored, are that on 25 May 1997 the government of Sierra Leone, elected only a year previously in a remarkable demonstration of power by a people determined to rid themselves of military control, was overthrown in a brutal coup organised by Inited Front (RLIF).

No recognition was given to this regime, which called itself the Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC), least of all by the people, who maintained a brave stance of non-cooperation. Thousands fled the country, while those that remained risked death and mutilation as well as looting.

Attempts to remove the AFRC by negotiation, led by West African states with the full co-operation in particular of Britain, were abortive. Sanctions, here again with Britain taking the lead in the UN, were imposed and the task of trying to ensure compliance was given to the Nigerian-led peace-keeping force Ecomog, which had been assembled to operate in Liberia (and in which there was a Sierra Leonean component).

Sanctions proved ineffective. The AFRC was able to obtain arms and recruit mercenaries to maintain itself in power while it continued to repress and to plunder. Finally Ecomog took forceful action. Freetown was liberated in a few days: but up-country AFRC forces committed unbelievable acts of savagery (killing, mairning, rape and destruction) as they were forced to give ground. Can anyone seriously contend that these thugs could have

been negotiated away? Now President Tejan-Kabbah has been restored. Refugees are returning. The people's human and civil rights have been restored, and except for Kono, where an AFRC rump is holding out, they can go about their ordinary business and re-

construct their lives. The people know that it was a

LETTERS

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Nigerian-led force that liberated them. They know that international support was mustered by Britain. Penfold as Britain's representative although they also acknowledge the part played by Tony Lloyd as the minthe army and the dissident Revoluthem as a member of a Commonterial delegation.

Leonean politicians who hoped to get gullible politicians with a voice in Britain, A company whose trade is war is claiming a role that is certainly exaggerated. The media and the Opposition here are seeking to embarrass our government for reasons of domestic political advantage.

Yes, claims and allegations of breaches of UN sanctions have to be investigated. But the Prime Minister's firm statement putting matters in perspective is assuredly to be welcomed. Let us celebrate with the people of Sierra Leone the freedom that we have helped restore to them. DEREK W PARTRIDGE

London SE16 The writer was High Commissioner to Sierra Leone, 1986-91

Winning Windows

Sir: David Usborne provides one possible explanation for people's use of Windows: because they like it ("Bill Gates is going into battle with the US government", 12 May). A straw-poll of the Windows users I know provides a different reason: because they have no other viable option. In an ideal market, the consumer has the privilege of choosing the best product for their needs, but we do not live

in such enlightened times. Joel Klein of the US Justice Department should ponder the following problem. Is it better for the consumer to have the option of using many different operating systems

Hence the adulation given to Peter she prefer standardised Microsoft tances then involved. The existing and consequently less pressure to imister responsible, who quickly visited time saved using a system boned to needed is something a bit better than stitution should be changed to perfection by pressure from the train stops or AWS without incurring ensure a really Australian head of Old and discredited Sierra extra hours needed to overcome incompatibility problems between riback under the wing of AFRC have val systems? If the answer is yes, then been feeding misinformation to by all means let us split up Microsoft. ADRIAN GILBY

Department of Computing Imperial College London SW7

Sir: It is ironic that The Independent should apparently be oblivious to the effect on a market of a single dominant player. Bill Gates already wields considerably more power in the computer industry than Rupert Murdoch is ever likely to achieve in Microsoft spends, in the last three years alone having purchased outright more than 30 technology companies.

It is extremely naive to believe that any monopoly can be benign, even beneficial. Microsoft could achieve sole control both of the desktop, which determines the software you use, and of access to the Internet, which dictates the information you see. In an age of information, control of information is the most dangerous monopoly of all. ROGER HOUGHTON

Safer trains

Sir: Dr Arthur Tarrant asks (letter, 7 May) why the "simple system of ATP" (train stops) used on London Underground cannot be used to address the problem of drivers accidentally passing red signals on the mainline railway.

Such systems are used in some lo-

(and associated software) with the cations but are not suitable where hassle of data conversion between speeds are much above 50mph, bedifferent standards, or would he or cause of the large stopping disproducts which have no competition Automatic Warning System (AWS) provides similar functionality but can prove rapidly? Would the amount of be overriden by the driver. What is

fitting the network with a full su-

pervision system like ATP. That "something" is the Train Protection Warning System (TPWS). TPWS has taken us three years and about £6m to date to develop. It provides the same functions as AWS plus a train-stop and a speed-trap which the driver cannot override. The speed-trap allows us to give protection at speeds where the train-stop

alone would not. TPWS is just completing a successful trial on part of the Thameslink fleet and route. With the support and co-operation of the train opershould be possible in five to six years - much faster than would be possible for ATP and at about 15 per cent of the cost. Incidentally, the £850m saved does not become profit. It is capital which can then be invested in other things to improve customer service or address other safety issues. RODERICK I MUTTRAM Director, Safety and Standards

Railtrack London NWI

international craze?

Sir: Given the attempts of nations as varied as Norway, Portugal, Poland and Cyprus to increase their chances of winning Eurovision in recent years by adding "Irish" elements to their entries, can we now look forward to a cluster of transsexual singers in the 1999 competition? RICHARD BARTLE West Bergholt, Essex

Monarchy mockery

Sir. Very few Australians would agree with Glenister Sheil's assertion (letter, 11 May) that the Queen's role in the Australian democracy is merely a "congenial reminder of our remarkable constitutional develop-

In our recent Constitutional Convention, a very substantial majority clearly rejected the present role of Her Majesty which many think puts such emphasis on the second syllable of "democracy" that our Conconsumer with a choice" offset the the massive cost (circa £1,000m) of state and thus to eliminate, once and for all, this mockery.

For that majority and those whom they represent, the only real issue remaining, despite the views of Sheil and his sentimental coterie of monarchists, is how an Australian head of state is to be selected and, if necessary, dismissed. They expect that to be determined before 2000. JAMES T C BRASSIL Frankston.

Australia

Sir: W Denis Walker (letters, 11 May) mentions that Britain's next head of the media. And rather than innovate ating companies and rolling stock state has been trained for his future owners, network-wide fitments role from birth. Did Tony Blair undergo similar training for his role? If not, has the Labour Party received its "New Deal" subsidy for taking on an unskilled worker? DANIELSMITH

First music hall

Sir: Whilst one wishes every success to the London Music Hall Trust in their efforts to secure funds for Wilton's Music Hall (report, 11 May), we should be clear that it is not the oldest surviving building of this kind. The Britannia, in the Trongate in Glasgow, was opened in 1857. Sadly, it has not caught the imagination of the showbusiness world: the process of decay will probably pass the title to Wilton's. JOHN BURNETT Curator of the History of Leisure

National Museums of Scotland

Gloomy outlook in the garden? Just send for Ken and his arboreal assassins



PEOPLE WHO HAVE VERY UNUSUAL JOBS INDEED

No 37: A Contract Tree Killer "JUST imagine the situation," says Ken Quilter (not his real name). "You're a retired couple. You've got a nice restful garden with a sunny lawn. Then one day the next door neighbour plants a line of fast-growing Leylandii. They push up like Jack's beanstalk and before you know where you are, there's a big dark wall of green looming over YOUR. garden, making your life a misery and cutting out half the light. What do you do?" Creep next door at night and chop the

things down? "But what if you get caught? Do you know what the law will do to you if you are caught rearranging your neighbour's gar-

me a hatchet man, if you like." Ken Quilter (not his real name) laughs at his own joke. Well, he is entitled. He is, after all, a contract killer, even if only of

"Well, yes, in the sense that an angler is a fish-killer or a florist is a flower-killer, I suppose that is what I am. But Tree Disposal is what it says on my business card."

And there's a demand for it? "Enompous," says Ken Quilter, whose real name is Nigel Footley, which is not his real name either. "Look, just think about it. There's this huge bank of Leylandii staring at you, which you hate. You want to get rid of it. If you, the householder, do it, you'll be arrested. If you hire an unknown to do it, and pay cash in used fivers, you're safe. As long as you've got an alibi, to prove you couldn't have carried out the revenge, of course, When "No, quite. So what you do is send for I'm doing a job I always advise the client to me, and I do the dirty work for you. Call be elsewhere. In Barbados for two weeks,

preferably. That's what I call a good alibi." Has he ever been caught?

"Funnily enough, the biggest danger is not of being caught in the act of tree chopping, but just of being caught on someone else's property, because then people will suspect you're a burglar, which is far more serious. Nobody ever jumps to the conclusion that you're just there to remove trees!"

Yes. But has he ever been caught? "Let's just say I've had to talk my way out of some pretty odd situations. I was once paid to remove quite a large sycamore, and that required a lot of climbing about in the upper branches, planning the operation. Guess what I was arrested for?"

"Don't know." "Being a peeping Tom! They let me go,

bathroom window. That's what I told the police, anyway."

But how did he ever manage to remove

whole sycamore tree undetected? "Ah - me and my gang dressed up as council workers. Zipped in and chopped the tree down. By the time local outrage was up and going and getting organised, it was too late. We'd scarpered. Council got it in the neck for removing a protected tree.

Council mystified. Very. "Funnily enough, the big jobs are often the easiest. It's like stealing a grand piano. Nobody stops you, because they can't believe you're not authorised. But you have to be really careful stealing into people's gardens and eliminating their Leylandii. A contract killer doing an assassination can kill someone in a second. You can't saw down a tree in a second. And sawing and chopping are "I'm short-sighted. Couldn't see a thing bloody noisy, so I have to make sure the coast from up there, let along a lady through a is clear. Planning, planning planning ..."

Isn't it dangerous work?

"Can be. I sawed through something I thought was a root once. Turned out to be

a mains cable. The effect was electric!" But what about trees falling on top of you, things like that ?

"Never happens. Want to know why? Because I never let trees fall down! Even when I've severed the trunks of a line of Leylandii. I prefer to keep them standing up - prop them up, tie them all together, lean them against something, whatever it takes. What this means is that they may remain standing for days after I've sawn through at the bottom, so the crime isn't discovered until long after I'm off the scene. Sometimes I pass by a garden which I did weeks before and the trees are still standing. Going brown, of course. Often they're watering it like mad to keep it going. No use, of course. Perhaps

I should tell them." And there again, perhaps not.

Over-tidy neighbours and backward-walking Lords



WALSH

There are two kinds of neighbour, in my experience. One is the meek and elderly Mrs Gogentlyintothatgoodnight, whose husband died 16 years ago of asbestosis, who now smells faintly of dead mouse, and who devotes her twilight years to reading OK! magazine, eating custard creams and greeting you on the doorstep with the words: "Allo dear. Off

The other kind is a horrible bald man called something like Mike Hole, who crams his family of tiny delinquents into a purple Honda Civic, wears Ben Sherman shirts while plying his Black & Decker sanding device in the garden on Sunday afternoons and plays old Blue Oyster Cult records through your wall at such a volume that the Shaker figurines on your mantelpiece come crashing down on the head of the sleeping dog. Neighbours-wise, those are your two basic models, the musty and the nasty. But reading about Mr Kevin Pleece this week gave me a jolt of recognition. With neighbours, as with close encounters, there's a Third Kind.

Mr Pleece is the Welsh chap who became so obsessed with tidiness he took to threatening people living beside his bijou Cardiff home. Before he was put on 12 months' probation, the court heard how he kept his flat spotless, then started to pick up litter outside his front door, graduated to clearing away the leaves in the courtyard at Cathays Terrace, spent five hours a day sweeping the street and, by a logical but alarming progression, began checking through windows to see that his neighbours were keeping the insides of their homes up to scratch.

The last straw came when he stood in the street yelling at a woman undergraduate that, if she didn't tidy up her room, he'd blow up her car. It has been suggested that Mr Pleece may be "suffering from a form of obsessive-compulsive disorder". I wonder where they got that

The thing is, I'm sure I know Mr Pleece. I'm convinced that, before he departed for Wales. he used to live upstairs from me in Putney, south London. He was an unusual Neighbour From ell in being neither noisy or nosy, just ludicrously punctilious.

He once, without a by-your-leave, removed from the communal doorbell the card on which every name under the sun: his funeral speech my name was messily inscribed and replaced it with a typed version. He bought one of those devices with a moveable arrow to tell the milkman how many pints you require, although it was, sadly, stuck on "One" all year. He arranged the letters in the hallway into a neat pile each day with the tax demands at the bottom and the postcard from Goa at the top.

His fastidiousness was linguistic. He talked like a brochure or a police report. He fretted that the opening of a Chinese takeaway nearby would attract "youths". Once he sent me a note saying: There is a quantity of refuse em- Grounds of taste, apparently.

anating from the vicinity of your kitchen which is unsightly and unhygenic. Could you therefore ...?" (I went to check. An empty, economy size pack of Doritos corn chips had fallen out of the wheelie-bin). I could happily have strangled him with his own vacuum flex. The feckless slobs of Cathays Terrace have all my

cannot agree with the recent directive from Buckingham Palace that the Lord Chan-Lection will no longer be required to walk backwards in front of the Queen at the State Opening of Parliament. Some prosaic chef de protocol has decided that, because the legal panjandrum has to descend some steps during the procession, it would be "more comfortable and safer" if he did it frontwards rather than risk plummeting onto his ermined posterior.

Okay, it'll be better for Lord Irvine, But what about the rest of us? Many taxpayers who have followed the saga of his Lordship's expensive home furnishings would prefer to get more value for money out of him. Personally, I would insist that he not only walks backwards in front of the Queen but keeps her amused with feats of juggling and card tricks, serenades her with "Oh Dem Golden Slippers" on the banjo, and attempts to perform that old Marcel Marceau mime of a man feeling his way across an invisible wall. I'm sure this vaudevillian routine would make a lot of people "more comfortable".

any executives from television companies have looked through Hello! Imagazine, clocked the gurning faces of the rich and sort-of-famous in their delightful homes, and wondered: could there be a television version? A series of opulent, candid encounters to camera, guided by a presenter with a gift for putting celebrities at their ease. Many producers tried, but the magazine (which celebrates its 10th birthday this week - see Louise Levene on page 15) has always replied with the Spanish equivalent of "Eff off".

Only once did they agree to talk to a TV company about such a plan, and that was because of the calibre of the presenter they were offering. Who was it? Why, Charles Spencer, the heir of Althorp and scourge of journalists

He was happy, it seems, to become the televisual equivalent of the Marquesa; in fact, he only pulled out because his father died and he reasoned, sensibly, that it wouldn't do for an Earl to welcome the telly-watching masses into the homes of their betters. It is one of the revelations in Earl Spencer. Saint or Sinner?, Richard Barber's splendidly gossipy, if unauthorised, biography of the great man, published next Thursday.

To bolster his researches, Mr Barber called on the opinions of a score of commentators, some well-disposed to the subject some one itively toxic. Among them is David Starkey, the atrabilious historian, who calls the Earl was, says Starkey, "utterly tasteless and repugnant", "ludicrously overblown", "antagonistic" and "preposterous", and the man himself "a self-delusionist" who is destined to become merely "a steady source of increasingly sordid stories for increasingly sordid news-

Whew, Starkey's final words in the book are: "Charles Spencer has had his six and a half minutes of fame. But that's it." According to Mr Barber, what Starkey actually said was, "If I were him, I'd top myself." The publishers left it out.

Spare me and my fellow men from the new orthodoxy: female good, male bad



AARONOVITCH

I HAD that Pay Weldon in the back of my studio the other day (I present a books programme for Channel 4), and she was saying that she was worried for men. Not so much for the old dinosaurs, who still think (wrongly) that they rule the earth, but the younger ones, who are not having a very good time. Not only have they lost - like Britain after Suez (my analogy) - a series of old, traditional roles, but their fumbling attempts to find new ones are mocked. Indeed, their very maleness is the subject of continual derision. They are subjected to what she calls "hatespeak".

Anyway, the next morning reading my copy of The Independent, I turned first - as ever - to the article by my talented colleague Suzanne Moore, dealing with the revelations of Paul Johnson's adultery. Suzanne was not surprised that the florid Thatchente enjoyed illicit spanking, and she went on, wearily, "the repertoire of male sexual behaviour is so limited, I could almost feel sorry for them".

Hold on, I thought, does she mean me? Not personally, but everything on the planet with whiskers and vesicles? And if being spanked by a mistress is a sign of a limited repertoire, what represents a multifarious one? Oh please, let it not be the old feminist "cover me in chocolate" one again.

And was this polite "hatespeak"? What, I wondered, would have been made of an article in which a male writer had casually remarked that "women are not, by nature, innovators and one must simply accept the fact"? And yes, I do think that that is a roughly equivalent sentiment.

You see, what I think is being said by Suzanne (and not just by her) is They are wankers literally and - more important - metaphorically. There is something in men that tends to hopelessness, to perpetual adolescence, to retardation. That is presumably why thirtyish women search endlessly for the elusive Mr Right, because most men are so obviously Mr Wrong. It's why, in soap operas, the chaps are stunted, often violent, incapable of communication, or else - a new category this - vapid but pretty boymen (nice buns, shame about the brain).

Television measures how far (in Fay's words) men have become the "new women". Yesterday, on daytime TV, the Richard and Judy show invited viewers Diana died editors and producers were



Men have become the 'new women' - objects to be toyed with and joked about

chasing female values, female readers, to ring and discuss the topic: "I married a corker, but now he's a porker." Accordingly, women, using their real names, phoned ITV with hilarious tales of their husbands' piggings. But imag-ine that the topic had been "I married a bimbo, now she's a beach-ball"? What man - if he wanted to live - would tell a TV presenter, live on air, how fat his wife had become? It is inconceivable, boyfriend". and not least because, as we know, men

know whose fault that is. Or take Viagra (I will). Can you picture a TV discussion concerning a new pill to increase women's often lamentably low libido, involving men talking about how the old gal had perked up since she started taking Clitalot? Once

who overeat are greedy - while women

who overeat are unhappy. And we also

viewers and listeners at all costs. And in chucking out the old male vices of deference and pomposity, they have set about destroying some of the virtues as well. So it's goodbye to earnest suits discussing European Monetary Union on TV, and hello to yet another edition of Vanessa and "My dad ran off with my

An excellent version of the orthodoxy was penned by Allison Pearson in yesterday's Evening Standard. Writing re poor old Paul, she said, "My generation [ie modern women] believes in serial monogamy. Previous generations [ie men] believed in multiple hypocrisy. We believe in truth in relationships, no matter how destructive. They believed in lies, no matter how

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again, if a man's equipment fails he corrupting. And which is better for the needs a tonic; if women aren't getting it up, then it's likely to be hubby's fault.

These double standards extend to questions like adultery. I am struck by the incongruity of women macking men who have affairs, while themselves often callously plotting to carry off other women's blokes. Or of mistresses who tape their lovers for the Sunday newspapers and then complain about his "betraval" of his own wife.

But this is the coming orthodoxy: female good, male bad. Even before health of society?

This is a good question. I'm not at all sure that some hypocrisy (and families staying together) isn't better for kids and grown-ups then serial monogamy with its endless divorces and remarriages. And I feel some ambivalence about "truth", too. What, after all, constitutes truth in something as complex as a relationship? Does truth allow you to make love when you do not feel like it, simply for the sake of your partner? Or must you be honest and refuse? Either of the polarities offered by Pearson seem to me to make for bad mar-

riages and unhappy men. Oh well, says a husky primeval voice in my ear, who cares? Men still run things, give or take a country or two. Let the gals have their fun. As long as we sell papers or programmes, or garner votes, what, me worry? Who gave Suzanne her column in the first place? Joan of Arc?

The husky voice is wrong. There is a gender revolution going on, and it is 90 per cent positive. The communication and social skills that girls possess (possibly innately) are now required; the concentrated, autistic or physical attributes of men are less in demand. The future is female, so we are - even if we stop abusing men - in danger of raising gencrations of young males who are sullen, demotivated, lacking in self-esteem. but still strong and brimming over with testosterone.

I have no desire to regress. I have always enjoyed the company of women more than that of men and I celebrate the emergence of a new cohort of intelligent and confident young women. I would hate to go back to the days when female potential was stifled, subordinated to the power of men who were never their equals. But I am now becoming burned up with a desire to progress, to move the debate on. To talk about what we are going to do to help boys in school; about how their mothers and fathers should haul them off the soccer pitch and make them do their homework; about how they might benefit more from parents being around during the day and what we're going to do about it.

And let us, for God's sake, find something in male sexuality to enjoy. After all, even women prefer a stiff willy to a perpetually soft one. Or so I am told.

Listen here India - do as nuclear nations say, not as they do



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RUPERT CORNWELL

WELL, as I'm sure they don't say in Delhi, in for a paisa, in for a rupee. In other words, if you've brought sanctions, cuts in foreign aid and the wrath of every righteous nation upon your head for conducting three strike capacity, the certainty

nuclear tests, what have you got to lose by carrying out two more a couple of days later? Thus, at one level, may be interpreted this week's underground pyrotechnics by India. But contrary to much received wisdom - not to mention the cant issuing forth from the world's chancelleries - they may not be quite the disaster they are being depicted.

Of course, the move is selfdebilitating, as the plunge in the rupee and Indian share prices yesterday indicates. "Mad" (the doctrine of Mutual Assured Destruction) might have prevented the Cold War turning hot, but the Indian subcontinent is still a long way from that sort of unwinnable stalemate. Mad implies a secondthat part of your stockpile will survive an initial attack. A country as poor as India should not be wasting resources on weapons that might only tempt a pre-emptive strike by an adversary; it is economic lunacy.

But who can blame India for acting as it has? You are the world's largest democracy, its second most populous country. But to the north-east you are bordered by an acknowledged nuclear power, China, which in 1962 handed you a stinging military defeat, and on the northwest by an undeclared one, Pakistan, against whom you have already fought three wars and whose nuclear programme has been helped along by none other than China.

If those aren't grounds for at what has now been revealed?

national insecurity, what is? Small wonder support for the tests inside India has been overwhelming. Economic lunacy, sadly, can sometimes be short-

term political gold.

At least things are clearer now. India must henceforth be counted the sixth declared nuclear power. Quite possibly Pakistan will carry out one or more tests in retaliation, thus becoming the seventh. But suppose, as Delhi hinted yesterday, the two countries then announce they have completed their programmes and sign up to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, from which they are the princi-. pal absentees. Would the rest of us really be worse off than a week ago, when we could only guess

Officially, of course, no one can admit as much, least of all the club of established nuclear powers. Bill Clinton has imposed sanctions on India, which he never did on fellow clubmember China, while Britain proclaims its "shock and dismay" at Delhi's "flagrant disregard" of international opinion.

But India is only treading the path we took 40 years ago. Britain retains nuclear weapons because they are a ticket to the top table, permanent membership of the UN Security Council, and India is entitled to aspire to the same. If nuclear weapons are one reason Britain likes to think it "punches above its weight", a lack of them is one reason India believes it has never counted as it should in world affairs.

Once again, we come to the flaw at the heart of the nonproliferation argument. By what absolute right do Britain, France, the US, Russia and China insist that they alone should possess nuclear weapons? If they really want to persuade others not to develop them, they should travel faster and further down that road

themselves, In fact, arms reduction talks between the US and Russia, who together possess more than 90 per cent of the world's nuclear arsenal, are at a standstill, while our own defence planners refuse even to examine the future of Britain's strategic deterrent. With that sort of example, India is understandably not inclined to take lessons.

Which bank has excellent **TESSAs**

Warmer

Don't tell Peter

EVEN your best friends won't tell you... at least not when reshuffle time is fast approaching in the Tory Party. But Pandora is happy to let you know that it seems almost certain the Boy Wonder will rearrange his team at the end of this month, whether or not Tony Blair does the same. There is a very strong rumour that Hague wants to move Peter Lilley out of his shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer role in order to bring in John Redwood. Lilley has made a rather feeble showing against Gordon Brown, while the emotionless brainiac Redwood has been all over the airwaves on every possible issue. Pandora's hot tips for elevation from the Tory backbenches are Ann Widdecombe and Cheryl Gillan, MP for Chesham and Amersham,

who has made a good impression for her work on the millennium bug.

Pray it opens

WORD has reached Pandora of a remarkable achievement. According to Russian newswire Itar-Tass, a Russian Orthodox priest has become the first clergyman to reach the North Pole via parachute. Immediately upon landing. Father Viktor Smetannikov planted a cross in the ice and commenced praying. According to Father Viktor. "The pole has a purifying power. It is an exceptional place on the globe and God doesn't allow everyone to go there." However, he added a cantionary note to any pilgrims tempted to follow in his footsteps. "Praying at the North Pole doesn't seem particularly beneficial."

Gore's Guess

YOU WILL not be surprised to learn that Gore Vidal has a unique slant on Clinton's Zippergate problems, America's most acidic essayist believes the president's woes all began when he and Hillary put forward their new healthcare plan (later crushed in the Congress) that threatened the US insurance industry. "It's a warning to all other politicians, 'Don't touch our money or we will do to you what we did to the Clintons'," says Vidal. As for special prosecutor Kenneth Starr. Vidal told USA Today that he might eventually be charged with treason and imprisoned. "Just because you don't to learn the casting details of an as Mother Teresa?

get, Gore is the same fantasist who created Myra Breckinridge.

Poor Pamela

WHEN it comes to casting the lead. characters in "important" bio-pics, Hollywood sometimes goes hilariously astray. Remember Mont- new parlour comery Clift as a gentile Freud or game, Holly-Kirk Donglas as a boringly sane Van wood History, Gogh? Literature lovers have re- in which we cently been horrified to learn that can all play play-it-cute actress Meg Ryan has casting director and the most imher heart set on playing the tortured plausible pairing wins. How about poetess Sylvia Plath. Now, 20th- Paula Yates as Mrs Thatcher? Goldie century history buffs will be appalled - Hawn as Benazir Bhutto? Madonna

like somebody ... you're not free to American television network's prospend the people's money trying to see duction about the late Pamela Harif he likes to [bleep] girls." Don't for- riman. Who has been chosen to portray the clever former US ambassador to France and legendary femme fatale?

The former glamour babe Ann-Margret (right), that's who. This suggests · a

Earnings blow to hopes on inflation

Midas touch

By Diane Coyle Economics Editor

and Lea Paterson THE BANK of England turned optimistic about the inflation ontlook yesterday, just as new figures flashed a warning about dangerously strong pay pressures. An unexpected jump in the growth of average earnings dented hopes that any further

By Diane Coyle

increase in interest rates could now be firmly ruled out. The Bank's latest quarterly Inflation Report was noticeably more upbeat in tone than February's, its central message being that inflation was likely to stay close to its 2.5 per cent target during the next two years.

Yesterday also saw the publication of minutes of April's meeting of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), confirming that Charles Goodhart, who had previously voted for a rate increase, had switched sides.

However, Mervyn King, the Bank's deputy governor, warned yesterday that monetary policy remained "finely balanced". A firm bawk on the MPC, his comments on the Inflation Report were tougher in tone than the document itself, suggesting that A Treasury spokesman the committee remains split

about its next step. Mr King said the short-term outlook for inflation was "extraordinarily benign". But he warned, "It is crucial to keep our eyes firmly fixed on the inflation target two years or so ahead", listing several dangers

on the horizon. He drew particular attention to yesterday's figures on unemployment and earnings, and to the potential impact of the minimum wage, due to be introduced next year, on inflation. Its exact level and coverage would determine how much it added to the total wage bill, the Inflation Report warned.

The Prime Minister's official spokesman, asked about this warning, said: "We have been clear throughout the minimum wage [debate that] it will be done in a way that will not do economic damage and indeed will enhance the performance of the British workforce and economy."

Average earnings increased by 4.9 per cent in February, partially fuelled by a 30 per cent increase in bonuses. The rise

was well above expectations. Initial indications suggest earnings growth was even stronger in March - ONS pre-

TETLEY, the group that bought us the Teticy Tea folk

and round tea bags, yesterday

announced plans for a stock

market flotation. Tetley, which

makes Britain's favourite cuppa

and is the second largest tea"

producer in the world, is ex-

pected to be valued at £400m.

huge windfall to Tetley's board

The flotation will give a

By Andre Yates

liminary estimates put the growth rate at 5.4 per cent. Mr King said: "To hit the inflation target those rates of earnings growth will have to fall back".

Some economists emphasised the fact that the bonus payments were a "one-off" factor. Ken Wattret at Paribas added that earnings growth was a "lagging indicator, not a leading indicator".

Nevertheless, the Inflation Report confirmed that pay is one of the more influentialeconomic indicators for the MPC. January's weaker-than expected earnings growth helped tipped the balance towards a no-change verdict at April's MPC meeting.

The ONS originally estimated that average earnings grew by 4.5 per cent in January, a figure that is "only just consistent" with the inflation target, according to the minutes.

Mr King drew attention to growth in manufacturing pay as well as the divergence between public and private sector pay. He added the 3 per cent gap between private and public sector pay was "unsustainable".

agreed, saying private sector pay deals would have to moderate. April's decline in the number of people claiming unemployment benefit was also greater than many expected. The number on the register fell

by 17,700 in April, compared with a drop of 8,300 in March. The possibility of a steeper fall in the pound than assumed in the forecast posed a second danger for the inflation outlook, according to yesterday's report. "The fall in the exchange rate over the past week has more than offset the rise be-

projections," Mr King said, He added that a further slowdown in domestic demand was also needed. "The Committee will change interest rates in whichever direction is nec-

tween the February and May

essary to hit the target." David Walton, an economist at Goldman Sachs, said: "We could be in for a period of slugeish growth and disappointing inflation," he said

Ciaran Barr at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell agreed: "There was no signal here that interest rates have peaked." The next meeting of the

Float windfall for Tetley Tea folk

ecutive, and Roger Price, its finance director, will become tea

millionaires many times over

The two executives bought

after this summer's flotation.

their 8 per cent stake in the

group for just over £500,000

when they led a management

buyout of Tetley from Allied

Domecq in 1995 for just under

£200m. When the group

reaches the market that stake

Leon Allen, Tetley's chief ex-

body outside his small retinue The financier George Soros is said to have bet heavily - to the tone of \$6bn-\$8bn (£3.6bn-£4.8bn)- at the end of March on sterling's exchange rate

within three months. nauch as \$2bu in profit have been

Soros Fund Management which has a policy of never commenting officially on its trades - is said to have bet against sterling by buying "put options" in

These deals - one type of those mysterious derivative transactions - give their purchaser the right to sell pounds at a fixed rate on a fixed date. If you buy out options that allow you to sell sterling at DM2.70 in three months' time, you expect to be able to buy pounds at a lower rate when that sell them on at an instant prof-

it to whoever sold you the option. It is a pure bet on the exchange rate going down. The prize depends on the odds the seller of the

option places on the outcome. But almost nobody thinks betting on a falling pound is a big gamble; virtually every pundit has been predicting it for months. Mr Soros will only have done really well if he made his bet against

sterling at the right time.

IS THE shadow of the man who drove Britain out of the European Exchange Rate Mechanism in September 1992 once again hanging over the pound? Well, no, not according to any-

falling from a level at which one pound bought just over 3.10 German marks to DM2.70

But excited reports that the arch-speculator has made as greeted with great scepticism in the City, where the pound has reacted to the Soros rumours by rising rather than falling.

the foreign exchange markets.

Experts in derivatives doubt he will have made multi-billion dollar profits. Traders report that several funds have been placing the same kind of bet in

In fact, the myth of Mr Soros's Midas touch seems in need of polishing. Another foreign exchange expert said yesterday: "His recent performance has not been spectacular. If he has made a good call this time, no wonder he wants to get people talking about it."

as expanding production for the

group's new drawstring teabag,

designed to prevent annoying

drips. Tetley will use its new list-

ing to give it the financial fire-

power to look at tea and coffee

for its TV campaign featuring

characters such as Sidney and

Gaffer supping their favourite

brew. The introduction of the

round tea bag in 1991 saw the

group rise into the number

one spot in the UK tea market.

Tetley has become famous



Rio Tinto faces wrath of investors

By Andrew Yates

RIO TINTO, the largest mining group in the world, faced a barrage of abuse from shareholders yesterday about a range of complaints from directors' bonuses to accusations that it continues to ruin the land of indigenous tribes. The group's annual general meeting degenerated into a stormy and bad tempered affair as investors vented their anger on Robert Wilson, the chairman.

There was an outcry from several shareholders over a new incentive scheme, which they claimed would award executives and managers for only a "mediocre" performance. Under

the plan, Rio Tinto's performance will be compared to 15 other mining groups. The previous plan was based on the FTSE 100 stocks. Managers will be able to get a 100 per cent bonus for coming fourth in the list of 15 companies and 50 per cent bonus even if it finishes half way up the league table.

The decision to change the scheme, taken after the group underperformed the FTSE 100 last year, was met with derision by some investors. One trate shareholder said: "This is absolutely ludicrous. It appears that people have to be bribed to perform.

There was also a call for Sir Richard Sykes, the non-executive chairman of the remmeration committee and the man responsible for sanctioning the new scheme, to step down. As head of Glazo Wellcome, Sir Richard has recently come under attack for his role in the aborted merger with SmithKline Beecham. One shareholder in both Rio Tinto and Glazo said: "Sir Richard has many other things to do and it would be a good idea for him to

reduce his responsibilities." Shareholders coming into the meeting faced protests from disgruntled unions and numerous environmental

and human rights pressure groups. They claimed that Rio Tinto con-

tinued to ignore the land rights of the

local population at the Grasberg mine

at Irian Jaya in Indonesia and ignored 🕌 human rights abuses.

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In the meeting John Maitland, the head of Australia's coal mining union. claimed that Rio Tinto had awarded extra benefits to workers outside the union. Mr Wilson fired back with a stinging attack on the unions, claiming their campaign was "one of deceit in support of the indefensible, bereft of integrity and propaganda at its most cynical".

He read out a letter from Nelson Mandela which claimed that the unions had deliberately misinterpreted the President of South Africa's comments. He had earlier labelled Mr Maitland as "the Arthur Scargill of Australia".

Games Workshop sees shares dive

By Clifford German

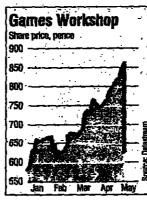
ARE THE seductive channs of Lara Croft - the curvaceous star of Tomb-Raider II - overcoming the eternal appeal of toy soldiers for the hearts, minds and pockets of millions of

Yesterday the prospect struck hard at investors in Games Workshop, the Nottingham-based company that specialises in table-top fantasy games played with armies of tin and plastic models of goblins and ores or sci-fi creatures like

space wolves and blood angels. The company chairman, Tom Kirby, who six months ago sold 200,000 shares at 705p warned that profits in the year just ending would fall short of the £13m the City had been expecting, although they will still exceed the £11.2m it made in

the previous year. He blamed mundane things including the effect of a strong pound on profits, two-thirds of which are earned outside the UK, as well as stock problems caused by moving into new premises. Analysts say the company is paying the price for pushing up prices too aggressively last year. But the shares dived 225p to 632.5p, wiping £70m, or more than 25 per cent.

off the value of the company. Games Workshop rejects the idea that teenage tastes are changing. Parents buy com-



puter games for their children, who play them on their own as an alternative to watching TV. Each game requires a certain level of skill and, once reached. the player loses interest and looks for a new challenge.

War-games are a hobby rather than a pastime. Games are played by two or more children, fighting battles with formal rules, using armies of toys that children buy, assemble and paint themselves.

GW's main games are Warhammer 40,000, a sci-fi game with armies of space-age creatures and Warhammer Fantasy, a similar game set in the age of myths and legends. Last month it launched Blood Bowl, a game based on American football, and it hopes to tap markets in China and Japan which could dwarf its existing sales in Europe and North America.

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Decaux lobbies OFT in bid to win More

By Peter That Larsen

THE PRESIDENT of Decaux. the French outdoor advertising group, yesterday warned that British competition authorities could allow US giants to dominate the industry if they blocked his company's offer for More Group, its UK competitor.

In his first interview since Decaux launched its £475m bid-six weeks ago, Jean-Claude Decaux said: "The real issue is not whether we have three or four companies bidding for contracts but whether European companies can develop themselves."

He added that the size of US advertising companies and the buoyant stock market multiples they attracted gave them a head start over European com-"I bave nothing against

America," he said. "But we must ask whether US companies will have too strong a po-

He was speaking after Decaux flew a party of jour-nalists, including The Independent, to its headquarters outside

Mr Decaux's comments came as the Office of Fair Trading (OFT) prepares to Decaux's bid to the Trade and Industry Secretary, Margaret Beckett, who is likely to announce her decision next week.

Decaux's bid will lapse if it . is referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, leaving the way open for Clear Channel Communications, the US outdoor advertising group, to complete its £425m offer for

At issue is an obscure but hicrative section of the \$500m UK outdoor advertising market. Decaux and More are both experts in the supply of street furniture - bus shelters, public toilets and waste paper baskets which the companies offer free of charge to local authorities in return for being allowed to sell advertising space on them.

A successful bid would give Decaux a near monopoly of the UK street furniture market. The company, which invented the concept when Mr Decaux set up the business in 1962, already has close to 80 per cent of the market in France.

Decaux and Clear Channel have both lobbied the OFT extensively. Clear Channel has tried especially hard to encourage Britain's local authorities, who award street furniture contracts, to make representations to the OFT

However, the US group yesterday faced serious embarrassment when it was forced to write to 500 local authorities in the UK, correcting an earlier

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letter which suggested that French competition authorities had fined Decaux FFrIm in the 1980s for abusing its monopoly position. In fact, the fine was never imposed.

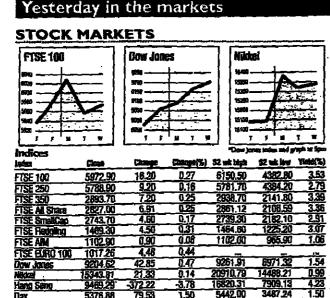
Mr Decaux strongly defended his company's strong position in France - currently the subject of another investigation by the French authorities - arguing that economies of scale in the design and manufacture of street furniture allowed the company to offer a better service to smaller towns.

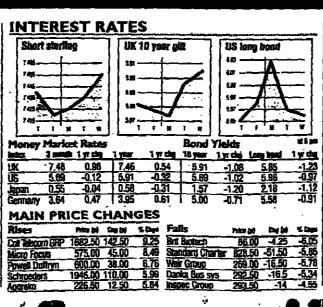
Decaux has promised similar benefits to UK local authorities if its bid succeeds. It has pledged to spend £50m upgrading existing billboards and bus shelters, while offering bus passengers in London free pagers which will tell them hen their bus is due.

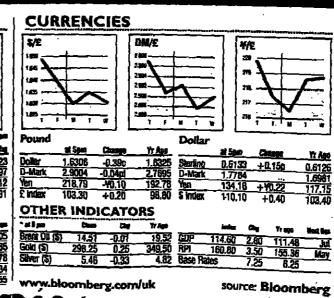
Mr Decaux yesterday admitted to being annoyed by the opposition to the bid. Roger Parry, More chief executive. while officially adopting a neutral position, has made no secret of his belief that the companies are incompatible.

"Ninety-nine of the big contracts in Europe are the result of Decaux visiting the local authorities and selling them the concept," Mr Decaux said. "We are not expecting our competitors to thank us but at least they could be a bit more dis-

and the 250 managers that could be worth more than together own more than a fifth The new funds will be used of the company.







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Soros did not move the pound this time

THERE is probably more nonsense written about the exchange rate than any other subject in finance. People who have to think hard about whether they should divide or multiply to convert a foreign currency into pounds nevertheless feel equipped to proclaim where the exchange rate ought to be, and why and when it will get there. The Bank of England and Mervyn King, its deputy governor, are more modest. The Bank freely admits to not un-

derstanding why the exchange rate has risen as far as it has. None of the obvious explanations - stronger UK growth, rising interest rates, or the pound as a safe haven against a weak euro - can fully account for sterling's dimb during the past 18 months. Equally, while everybody agreed that sterling was overvalued given the economic fundamentals, there is no obvious reason why it should have started falling with such dispatch from its unreasonable height just over a month ago.

The one thing that can certainly be discounted as the catalyst is the intervention of George Soros. Huge numbers of people and funds have been engaging in the purchase of put options - the right to sell sterling at a lower rate in three months' time. The \$6-8bn Soros is reported to have spent was a drop in this ocean, even if it is true that the arch-financier did catch the tide of market sentiment exactly on the turn. That in itself seems to be in doubt, with some traders claiming that in point of fact he was relatively late into the trend. If true, he's obviously losing his touch. However, the mere fact that he is being acclaimed in some quarters as the saviour of the British economy by riding to the rescue of exporters and pushing sterling lower sheds an illuminating light on why the outlook for the exchange rate is so important at the moment.

The strong pound is cited by hawks on the Bank of England's monetary policy committee (MPC) as an important reason why inflation has stayed not too far above its target. Domestic demand is belting away at a still-uncomfortable rate. Other inflationary pressures are starkly revealed by yesterday's shock earnings figures. Without falling costs for imported goods and materials, retail price inflation would have been significantly higher for the past

· However, if the pound falls now, it does not give the bawks an open and shut case for raising interest rates. Quite the reverse if the weaker exchange rate anticipates economic slowdown and market expectations of the lower interest rates that will result. But if the depreciation is due to, say, a change of heart about the strength of the new euro, or to the likelihood that domestic inflationary pressure will worsen the balance of payments, it is reason to counteract it with tighter monetary policy.

The point is that there is no hard and fast connection between the exchange rate and interest rates. The long term interests of the UK economy, and this goes for its exporters too, are best served by keeping a steady eye on the inflation target. and commensurate with the parallel aim of achieving sustainable growth, adjusting interest rates to hit it. It is members of the the interests of UK PLC most at heart.

Rumours grind down Safeway

POOR OLD Safeway's. It was perhaps inevitable that as hard as management might try to focus attention on the group's trading figures, everyone was far more interested in the "will-they, won't they" saga. of the company's on-off merger with Asda. Safeway is adamant that the whole thing is a no-no. No talks, no advisers meeting in country hotels or chief executives slipping silently into tete-a-tetes at City solicitor offices. Nothing. The nearest thing to a meeting was in February, Safeway says, when its chairman David Webster attended the same shooting party as Asda's Archie Norman. Now please, please, just concentrate on our rather pleasing current trading statement won't you?

Their frustration demands sympathy. Unfortunately, the rumour mill is grinding away to such vigour that it is hard to ignore it. Whether or not the speculation is true, there are enough people in the City villing it to happen that you never know, it might just do so. The more they stir the pot, the more chance they have of bringing the union to fruition.

All this is destabilising for Safeway, which has enough on its plate at the moment. It is a distant fourth in the supermarket battle and its sales per square foot are still significantly adrift. There's now a renewed push on sales, but the cost in terms of investment

in New York

THE US government yesterday

announced an investigation

into the rash of corporate

mergers in the United States.

as it emerged that top execu-

tives of the Chrysler Corpora-

tion stand to pocket as much as

\$1bn (£600m) in a shares wind-

fall if the planned Daimler-

Chrysler merger goes through.

because it raises a question

about the motives of company

executives in seeking to con-

certain to be one of those put

under the microscope by the

White House. It said it was

forming a panel to look into the

recent tide of mergers and

consider whether they are do-

ing unacceptable harm to com-

The White House mergers

panel is expected to be headed

by Gene Sperling, chairman of

petition in the US economy.

The revelation is sensitive

is a heavy one. Any sales growth that materialises will be low profit.

The other problem is that we have been here before. A few years ago Safeway claimed it had made a quantum leap with its Safeway 2000 initiative only to find the wheels coming off a little while later. Safeway's present trading performance may be relatively better than Sainsbury's but the City will want to see more than six weeks worth of good numbers before its believes that this business has turned the corner.

Fighting back was hard enough for Sainsbury's, which had the benefit of a strong brand and a strong number two market position. For Safeway, coming back from fourth with a weaker brand and store portfolio will be much, much tougher. And all the while Asda will be watching and

Thatcher's legacy for the Tunnel

THE SILLY SEASON has arrived early. There are still two months to go before Parliament rises for the summer recess and newspapers are obliged to hunt harder than usual for items to fill their news columns. But already the first story of the season has been spotted and it concerns that hardy perennial, the Channel Tunnel.

According to a front-page report earlier this week, Eurotunnel has begun sounding out the City on plans to build a second "drive-through" tunnel to France. To avoid congestion and the threat of

White House to look

the National Economic Coun-

cil, with Treasury Secretary

Robert Rubin among its mem-

bers. What action the admin-

istration could take to slow

down the pace of corporate

mergers is unclear, however.

mergers as Travelers-Citicorp

and, in the telephones business,

SBC-Ameritech, which was un-

with the Securities and Ex-

change Commission show the

company's top executives will

make the money by converting

options granted them under

their current pay deals into

Littlechild calls for break-up

Documents filed by Chrysler

veiled this week.

into mega-mergers

MPC, and not the speculators, who have in its loyalty card, advertising and more staff accidents, cars would be electronically routed through on "guided roads".

Alas, the story is not new. In fact it is 12 years' old. Eurotunnel's 1987 prospectus contained a section stating that under the concession agreement it is required to put forward proposals for a second link by 2000. But that is only one small part of the story. It does not have to work up a scheme, much less cost it and find the money. Moreover the drive-through link would only be built if technical and economic conditions permitted and it would not undermine the

finances of the existing tunnel. Finally, Eurotunnel has until 2020 to decide whether to build a second link and, for the purposes of financial projections, it does not have to assume that any such link would be built before the current concession expires in 2086.

Since Eurotunnel is only now emerging from the biggest debt restructuring in British corporate history and since shareholders will not see a dividend until 2006 at the earliest, the idea of a second link seems a rather cruel joke to play on the investment community.

What's more, the idea of a drivethrough link was only ever inserted into the original concession to satisfy the trainhating Mrs Thatcher. Even if the engineers could conquer the monumental problem of how to ventilate a drive-though tunnel. would it remotely fit into John Prescott's integrated transport policy? Eurotunnel has one man working very part time on the scheme, which probably says all that is needed. The world's bankers can sleep safely at night for a generation or two yet.

Anger over gas

disconnections

THE Gas Consumers Council yesterday attacked British Gas Trading for its "get tough" policy on customers who have difficulty paying, after new figures

showed that disconnections

rose by more than 60 per cent

in the first quarter of the year.

A total of 8,986 customers

were disconnected between

January and March, up from

5,541 last year and a trebling in

the rate of disconnections since

BT is to spend £800m on its net-

crease comes on top of a £300m

investment in switching equip-

ment announced recently and

means that more than half BT's

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Lloyds TSB chief lays into rivals

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By Lea Paterson

ONE of the most respected figures in UK banking yesterday launched a scathing attack on the tactics employed by most of his competitors.

money on each customer and heaped scorn on Barclays' "disastrous" expansionary aims of the late 1980s. He also fired a warning shot to his high-cost competitors, saying the lowerecost banks could make their lives "unbearable".

The Lloyds chief said he was amazed by how few people in hanking sat down and studied the market. The man who transformed Lloyds into the UK's largest bank, via the purchases of the TSB and Cheltenham & Gloucester, also criticised the belief that biggest is best.

Speaking at an Institute of Economic Affairs conference in Central London, Sir Brian said: "It's dead easy to increase market share. Just charge lower prices and/or take on more risk. Global market leadership is a cop-out for satisfactory re-

turn on shareholders' funds." Perhaps the only banks to emerge unscathed from Sir Brian's speech were the Scottish institutions. Sir Brian held up Royal Bank of Scotland and Bank of Scotland as examples of Sir Brian Pitman, chairman companies that "produce outof Lloyds TSB, claimed the standing results although they supermarket banks were losing have a much smaller market share". He added: "Rightly or wrongly, the Scottish banks have an excellent reputation. Very few people come to me and say the Royal Bank of Scotland and the

> opened by many of the supermarkets also came under attack from the Lloyds chief. He said: "Every time you have £10 on deposit at 6.75 per cent you make a loss. If customers take out their money tomorrow, you make a bigger loss." Sir Brian added that Lloyds

Bank of Scotland are awful."

The new savings accounts

could, if it wanted, win customers from Tesco by changing its pricing tactics. "But we're absolutely delighted Tesco have got them [the customers]", he said.

Tesco came in for praise elsewhere in Sir Brian's speech. though. He said the supermarket group's "low per unit



money and heaped scorn on Bardays' 1980s growth strategy

cost" had allowed it to "give Sainsbury's hell". He added: Those of us with a low-cost format in the mortgage market

could make life unbearable for those who haven't." Lloyds is generally regarded as one of the most efficient

income ratio is 51.3 per cent, compared to 67.6 per cent for Barclays and 73.8 per cent for

Sir Brian used Barclays' "number one by 1991" campaign of the late 1980s to illustrate his view that "volume is vanity; profit is sanity.

Richard Reay-Smith, chief executive of retail banking at Barclays, followed Sir Brian on traditional retail banks. Its cost- the podium and said: "I find myself in agreement with everything he said, not least in his characterisation of Barclays in the late 1980s."

By Michael Harrison

THE ELECTRICITY regulator Professor Stephen Littlechild caused outrage north of the border yesterday after calling for the Scottish power transmission system to be split off from the country's two electricity producers.

In a consultation paper outlining his support for separate ownership of electricity supply and distribution busines Professor Littlechild said that Scottish Power and Hydro-Electric should be obliged to to England and Wales into separate ownership. As an in-

put the Scottish transmission system and the interconnector

of Scottish electricity system terim measure until the legislation was in place, he said their transmission businesses should be placed into separate sub-

sidiaries with their own staff.

The regulator argued that the move would increase competition in electricity generation and supply. But a spokesman for Scottish Power said it would increase costs by several million pounds a year. "Professor Littlechild has taken an extreme position based on a number of misconceptions and we will be writing to him spelling this out and making some points of our own about how competition in Scotland is facilitated."

He also maintained that transmission charges were Robert Eaton, Chrysler's chief executive officer, could on his own collect shares worth \$100m. The executives would free to sell of the shares immediately.

The \$1bn likely to land in One White House official commented: "When there is a the laps of the Chrysler execmajor trend like this in Amerutives is calculated on the asican business, there is a presumption that the merger would price Chrysler at \$61 a | BT data spend sumption that you need to take a look at it. There is no presumption that you need to act."

In addition, any Detroit executives who lose their jobs as | work to cope with increased de-Aside from the Daimler-Chrysler pact, American busia result of the deal are to be of- | mand for data communications fered multi-million-dollar and internet services. The inness has been mesmerised in summate mergers. The issue is recent weeks by such megagolden parachutes.

Asked about the status of his own options at last week's press conference announcing the deal, Mr Eaton was unwilling

"My personal situation never came to mind. We are trying to create the leading auto company in the world for the future of all stakeholders," he

land, where the system is

owned and operated separ-

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actual sale of electricity, was

Green Paper on utility regula-

tion in March. However, it left

open the option of whether this

could be achieved by splitting

the ownership or simply by issuing separate licences for dif-

is for full separation of owner-

ship, although the consulta-

tion paper does not spell out

The regulator's preference

ferent parts of the business.

ately by the National Grid.

annual £2bn capital expenditure

is now devoted to data transmission as opposed to voice telephony. Train contract FIRSTGROUP, the transport

group, has signed a contract with GEC Alsthom Metro-Cammell for 110 diesel trains worth about £105m. It said 70 of the vehicles would be in service with North Western by May 2000 and 40 in service with Great Western by June

Property talks

THE IRISH property developer Green Property confirmed yesterday that it had approached Trafford Park Estates with a view to making an offer for the UK proposed in the Government's | property company. Green Property said that it had proposed that Friday's egm to consider Trafford's proposed merger with Barlows be adjourned.

Matter of Fact

NORD ANGLIA, the education provider, is making a recommended offer for EW Fact, in a share-only deal, valuing EW how this would be achieved. Fact at £18.8m.

R-R faces £10m claim over licence deal

By Michael Harrison

ROLLS-ROYCE Motor Cars is facing a £10m claim in the High Court after allegedly reneging on a deal to license the use of its famous trademarks such as the Spirit of Ecstasy on a range of products from perfume to sports goods.

If the action succeeds then one small part of the Rollsman carmakers Volkswagen and BMW have settled their battle for control of the company.

The litigation came to light in the circular to shareholders, sent out yesterday by Roils' parent company, Vickers, urging them to back VW's £430m bid for the luxury car maker.

The British company Classic

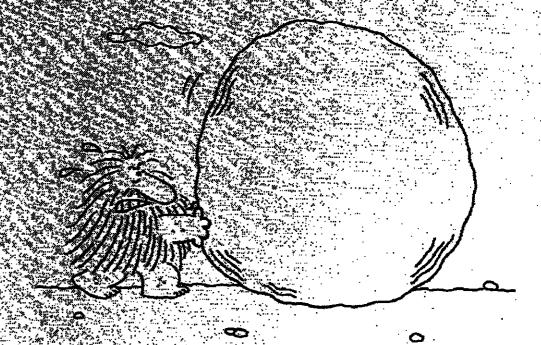
complex in London's West End, was granted a licence by R-RMC in May, 1996 to use all its trademarks, except for the Rolls-

Royce name itself, on a range of perfumes. The agreement was subsequently extended. But following a change of

management at R-RMC the licence was withdrawn a year no intention of granting a licence.

Royce heritage will remain in Licensing, part owned by the later on the grounds that Classic British hands after the two Ger- group that runs the Trocadero Licensing had not submitted the products it proposed to market for approval.

A writ was issued in last June but Classic Licensing agreed to stay proceedings pending discussions with R-RMC. Proceedings were reactivated this month after Classic Licensing said it became clear R-RMC had



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THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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Sage accounts for its star rating

THE STOCK MARKET charms of finance stocks and pharmaceuticals may be fading, t computer software companies are still fly high at the moment. Strong results from Sa which develops and distributes branded counting software to over a million busine customers, only served to increase the optimi surrounding the sector yesterday.

It announced a 24 per cent rise in prof to £24m in the six months to the end of Man about £1m more than the City expected.

Sage has yet to see the benefits to the b tom line from the high demand for its service from the millennium bug and the creation of t euro, Europe's new currency. Acquisitions a on the cards and its recently acquired US tea nology will give it plenty of opportunity to bu up new markets in the UK. The results are the more impressive given that the strength sterling reduced profits by £700,000. UK ear ings rose a third to £13.6m, against a modest per cent improvement in continental Europe

Software companies have been on t crest of a wave over the last few years and t market is still growing rapidly. Of course, the sector is not immune to a cyclical downturn. But if and when it comes they are less likely losing too much custom. But the big commercial to suffer from shortages of skilled personnel than the pure IT groups.

And Sage is one of the best companies in the stock market's dazzling stars over the last few years. Analysts forecast its rapid earnings growth is likely to continue. They have upgraded profit forecasts for the full year by £3m to £48m,

rising to £65.2m in the year to September 1999. But the rub is that Sage is now sitting on an astronomical rating. The shares, which have risen 60 per cent since the start of the year, jumped another 45p to 1,387.5p yesterday. That sort of rating leaves no room for mistakes and even stock market stars must fall to earth sometime. High enough.

CU and GA are caught in a storm

WHEN Commercial Union and General Accident announced their £14bn merger three months ago it was clear that one of the main reasons for the deal was to counter problems caused by the dire insurance market. Since then things have gone from bad to worse and the deal could not have come a moment too soon.

Severe weather claims have taken a heavy living memory hit Canada, costing GA £72m and dragging profits down from £114m to £63m. Bad weather also cost CU £35m, throwing its general insurance wing into a loss of £4m. Overall, first-quarter profits fell from £102m to £40m.

Both companies have still to absorb the cost of floods in April, which is likely to do similar damage to second-quarter earnings. In recent weeks CU and GA have been two of the worst and assemble model armies of fantasy figures. performing stocks in the FTSE 100, as analysts have downgraded the stock.

And executives at both companies admit extremely competitive conditions in general insurance, especially in commercial risks, have squeezed rates to a level where it is very difficult to hang on to business, let alone make a profit,

But the combined insurer is planning to raise premiums. The two groups believe they can happily boost premiums on personal lines without

Market value: £1.616bn, share price	1387.5p (+45p)
Trading record (Half year)	97	98
Turnover (£m)	· 74	89
Pre-tax profits (2m)	19.3	24.0
Earnings per share (p)	12.0	14.7
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business - the sort underwritten at Lloyd's of London - may remain unprofitable for quite a while. In that context, losing market share the software sector. It has proved to be one of is a blessing and not a curse. And large cost savings from the merger will help profits.

CU shares firmed 14p to 1,090p while GA rose 10p to 1,077p yesterday, valuing the combined group at £14.22bn. Analysts forecast fullyear earnings of 770p per share, putting the group on a multiple of 28. That sounds high. But formal earnings figures fail to take account of capital gains from investments, which would pull that multiple down to around 15. Hold.

Games Workshop shares fall to earth

GAMES Workshop, the Nottingham-based company had until yesterday enjoyed a meteoric rise on the back of its fantasy games based on figures like Space Wolves and Orcs.

From the group's flotation in late 1994, the shares had risen from an initial low of 106p to a high of 857.5p. Yesterday the sky fell in, with a profits warning caused by the strong pound, temporary stock problems and disruption caused by a move to new premises.

The shares plunged 225p to 632.5p, wiping toll on both companies. The worst ice storm in £70m off the market capitalisation. The fall comes six months after the chairman, Tom Kirby, sold 200,000 shares at 705p. Profits in the year to May are likely to be below market expectations of around £13m.

Games Workshop has done well in the past to keep going in the face of teenage tastes and the company maintains computer games are a separate market to its own where customers buy

But analysts say the company is also paying the price for over-pricing its latest models and have cut forecasts by around 10 per cent to around £11.5m this year and £14.2m next. That brings the shares back down to a slightly more realistic multiple of 26, falling to 21. Crucially, sales in the US are still strong and new games are coming on stream. The shares, though bardly cheap, may be worth a gamble at this price.

Safeway 'back on track for growth'

Associate City Editor

SAFEWAY, the supermarket group which held aborted merger talks with Asda last year, yesterday dismissed suggestions that it had rekindled discussions with its rival as it reported strong current trading figures which lifted the shares 12.5p to 376p.

Colin Smith, Safeway's chief executive said he was confident the business had an independent future and that it was building a solid platform for growth. "We are not in discussions and we are not about to announce a merger. We think it is in the best interests of shareholders to continue growing sales and building the business."

The comments came in spite of some industry sources suggesting that the two sides have held discussions since the talks last broke down in September. Some industry experts say that Archie Norman, Asda's chairman is far more keen on a Safeway merger than Allan Leighton, the group's chief executive.

Sources close to Safeway said: "We do not want to continue commenting on market speculation. We are not in talks. We are concentrating on growing the business."

Safeway's comments came as it reported a 13 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £375m for the year to 29 March. However the company said it was addressing problems in product quality, availability, customer service and pricing which have held the group back.



David Webster, chairman (left), and Colin Smith, chief executive, try out the Sizzlers range

Although Safeway's like-for- seen these sort of false dawns like sales were ahead by just 2.2 per cent in the year, sales in the six weeks since the year end are 6 per cent ahead of same period last year, helped by investment in prices and additional elements to the ABC

Analysts were sceptical about the figures, saying the sales growth had been bought at the expense of lower margins. "Current trading is better than we expected but will it last?" said one analyst. "We have

with Safeway before." Colin Smith admitted that

"six weeks' figures do not make a summer" but said the group's growth strategy was back on Analysts questioned whether

this was over-optimistic. "We would need to see more good figures than these to be sure if Safeway has really turned the corner," one said.

half of last year as the group continues to invest in marketing programmes and its loyalty scheme.

Analysts were disappointed by the performance of the Northern Ireland stores. The stores, run as a 50/50 joint venture with FitzWilton, recorded a total loss of £9m. The company admitted that the costs of establishing stores there had been higher than expected.

Safeway's group sales in the Profits in the first half of the year rose by 6 per cent to current year are expected to be £7.5bn. The full year dividend significantly lower than the first was maintained at 14.1p.

Vanguard hit by rejection ofdrug

By Michael Harrison

INVESTORS in Vanguard Medica, the biotech group, were left nursing a big headache yesterday after its shares plunged on news that SmithKline Beecham had ditched its key migraine product. Almost £50m was wiped off the market value of the group as its shares numbled 27 per cent to 432.5p.

SmithKline Beecham has decided not to market frovatriptan, Vanguard's anti-migraine compound. It marks a dramatic Uturn for the pharmaceuticals giant which only a few weeks ago included the treatment in an update on its research and development programme.

Vanguard insisted yesterday that it was confident of attracting a new partner to develop the migraine drug and third parties had already expressed an interest. Its argument was borne out by SmithKline which claimed that there was nothing wrong with the compound but that it had decided to concentrate its marketing effort elsewhere.

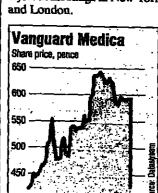
But analysis expressed surprise at SmithKline's change of heart, and suggested that the setback raised a question mark about the quality of the drug.

Vanguard admitted that flovatriptan was its key product and that its short term prospects depend on the treatment getting to market. The migraine market is currently worth \$1.6bn a year and analysts believe Vanguard's treatment could achieve sales of several hundred million pounds a year. Flovatriptan is progressing through Phase III clinical trials and is due to be launched next year, although it will face tough competition from the plethora of existing migraine treatments.

SmithKline said that it did not have enough resources to bring all its drugs to the market, which analysts pointed out was a remarkable admission given the size of the company.

SmithKline will instead concentrate on other projects such as Avandia, a new diabetes treatment and Idoxifene, an osteoporosis drug It is also developing other migraine treatment but denied this was behind the decision to drop flovatriptan. Only last month, SmithKline had highlighted

frovatriptan in its annual report as "showing particular promise" and stressed its potential to analysts at meetings in New York



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Rates war halves profits at insurers

By Andrew Verity

A WORLDWIDE squeeze on insurance rates and severe those areas affected by the ice weather claims have halved first-quarter profits at General Accident and Commercial Union, the two insurers set for a £14bn merger in June.

Both companies said they remained optimistic that plans to create a pan-European insurance giant would go ahead - despite what they described as "an exceptionally bad first quarter".

Canada's worst ice storm in living memory battered profits at GA, which is the country's biggest insurer. Profits sank by 45 per cent to £40m as the insurer paid out £72m. While CU was less exposed to Canada, its profits plunged by 61 per cent to £40m after it was hit by January storms in Britain and a spate of large fire claims.

Both companies also suffered from an ongoing squeeze on insurance rates for commercial business. Many insurers are believed to be running losses to offer cheaper premiums.

Bob Scott, who is to be chief executive of the new group, said: "We had significant claims from storm: they were very difficult claims and we have only just been able to settle them. There is also continuing competition

in all of our major markets." Mr Scott said the company would begin to raise rates wherever possible. "It's important despite the very tough conditions to monitor the profitability of our products."

Executives said the results underlined the need for a merger, which would result in savings to shareholders of £225m a year. The combined group would command a huge volume of small commercial insurance business around the world.

Sir John Carter, who will step down as chief executive of CU in June, said the merger was on schedule. The first and second tier of management had already been appointed. He added that no decisions had yet been taken on redundancies. Investment column, this page erator. The alliance will have stake.

C&W to expand Italian alliance

By Michael Harrison

unveiled plans for an aggressive target an additional 60. expansion of its partnership with Telecom Italia which could include the two groups taking cross-shareholdings in one another and inviting other operators into the alliance.

Dick Brown, chief executive, added that C&W was also focusing on a possible alliance in the US, where the telecoms industry is consolidating through a handful of huge mergers, the latest being the \$62bn (£37bn) SBC-Ameritech deal.

Speaking as C&W reported a 13 per cent increase in pre-tax, pre-exceptional profits last year to £1.6bn, Mr Brown said the Italian alliance could see Telecom Italia take an interest in some of C&W's US and Caribbean operations.

Together the two companies will handle 17 billion minutes of international calls a year, making it the world's second biggest international op-

kets around the world and Mr CABLE & Wireless yesterday Brown said it would probably Mr Brown said it was possi-

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ble C&W would chose to "dance with an elephant" as he describes the merged US telecoms operators. However, other options were to grow organically or launch a bid. C&W has a \$1bn of sales in the US and is its sixth largest long-distance carrier, concentrating on the small to medium business sector. Robert Lerwill, finance di-

rector, said C&W might acquire part of Bell Canada's 14.9 per cent stake in Cable & Wireless Communications, which the Canadian group has decided to sell. C&W has a controlling 53 per cent stake in the four-way cable television and telephone operator created a year ago.

C&W is also looking at a flotation late this year or early next year of Optus, the Australian telecoms business in which it has a 49 per cent

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Airtours buys into German operator

AIRTOURS yesterday an- the company is likely to buy the nounced plans to enter the German holiday market, which sells the highest number of package tours in the world." It is buying a 29 per cent

stake in Frosch Touristik (FTi), one of Germany's largest tour perators, for £17.2m. The deal will form the central plank of its ambitious plan

to grow rapidly in Continental Europe. Airtours has stolen a march

on its British rivals who have also been wying for a foothold in the German market. Airtours has an option to

take control of the group in 2002, and analysts believe that whole of FTi as soon as possible.

Harry Coe, managing director of Airtours, said yesterday: "Germany is the real prize. All the UK tour operators have been looking at opportunities to get into the market." Around 19 million Ger-

mans, almost a quarter of the population, took a package holiday last year. FTi specialises in providing tailormade tours for Germans travelling to the US. It also provides long-haul holidays to the Caribbean.

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Sage spurs technology shares to another peak

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MARKET REPORT



market's newest sector hit yet another peak.

The introduction of an FTSE index to cover the computer community has emphasised its runaway appeal which, it could be argued, had

previously been concealed. The IT index was launched at 1,000 points at the start of

The index, however, underplays the rampant performance. It was known towards the end of last year that FTSE International, which controls the indices, intended to start an IT subsector. So with fund managers faced with an index against which their IT display would be measured there was an understandable temptation to pile in and increase

their computer presence. Sage gained 45p to 1.3875p, a peak. Misys improved its challenge for mem-

with first-quarter figures today,

The rest of the market moved ahead with Footsie up 16.2 points at 5,972.9 after a supporting indices stretched to

with a heavy exposure to the Alex.Brown. small company sector, rose 30p to 630p, a peak, as Crédit Suisse First Boston repeated its buy advice and suggested the

forming Footsie constituent, improving 110p to 1,945p although turnover was modest. EMI enjoyed another spin, gaining 22p to 556p. The boys in dark glasses are convinced

the showbiz group is back in the bid frame. If Seagram, the Canadian group, buys Poly-Gram for £6bn it can only enhance EMI's value and

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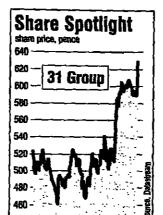
ing somewhat contrite, be prepared to lift its signalled 610p offer to nearer the 700p demanded by the EMI camp.

Rolls-Royce, likely to benrather uneven session. The cfit from Singapore Airlines

> to 376p; Cable and Wireless. another bid candidate, was firm at 679.5p following figures.

and sales force support". Glazo, of course, has at least two migraine drugs. Could SB be implying it is back in talks with Glaxo? Surely not. Glaxo

firmed 5p to 703.5p. Vanguard, searching for a new migraine partner, crashed



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It was not the only under-

card company spraying around unhappy tidings. Games Workshop, the fantasy toys retailer, bombed 225p to 632-5p actually fell op to 1,707p but SB following a profits warning. And Churchill China was smashed 50p to 282.5p after 30.5p to 278p on bid talk. saying first-half profits would be "well below" last year's cor-

responding figure. Still bids continued to flow. EW Fact jumped 23.5p to 85p after Nord Anglia, the education group, appeared with an agreed share exchange offer.

Engineer Airflow Streamlines gained 43.5p to 206.5p following a takeover approach but How, a facilities management group, was unchanged at 103.5p after an agreed cash and share bid from Tilbury Douglas, the construction group. Trafford Park Estates hardened 14.5p to 174p. Green Property made an approach which is conditional on TPE abandoning its bid for

the Barlows property tiddler.

Air London, an air charter broker continued to fly high, rising 22.5p to 400p. The company attempted to kill bid speculation saying it had not received any approach. Director AG Mack sold 200,000 shares at 375p. Hodder Head-

line, the publisher, improved

Trast Motors added 5p to 178p after bid hopes returned as chief executive Nicholas Barr, who led an abortive management buyout, quit. Easynet rose 12p to 161.5p after Dialog, the on-line information group, sold its 10.4 per cent stake. Arriva, the transport group, edged ahead 4p to 451.5p as SBC War-

burg said buy. Dalgety fattened 7p to 414.5p with analysts filing reports from Nashville, Tennessee, where they are visiting the company's genetic pig improvement facility. After the reshaping the pig business is the only significant trading company left within Dalgety, soon to become PIC International.

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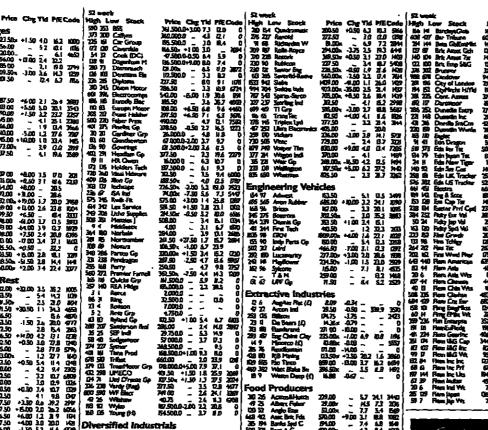






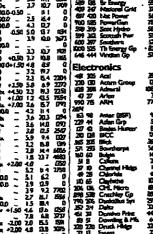


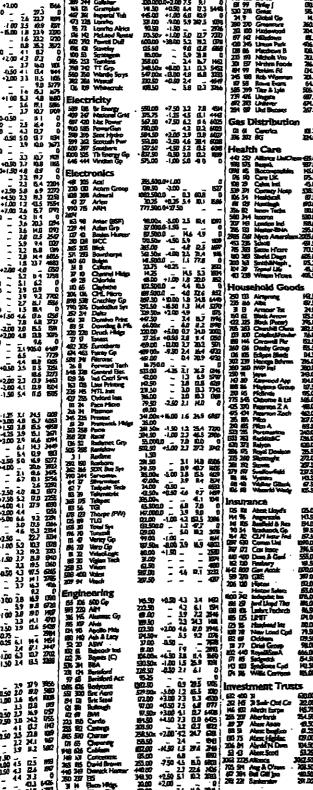


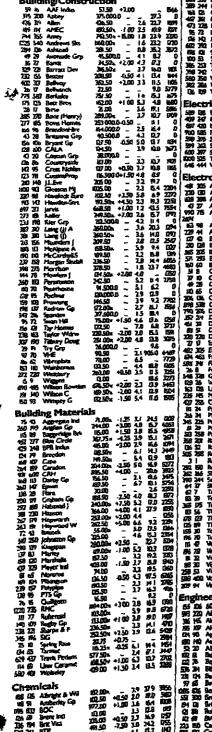


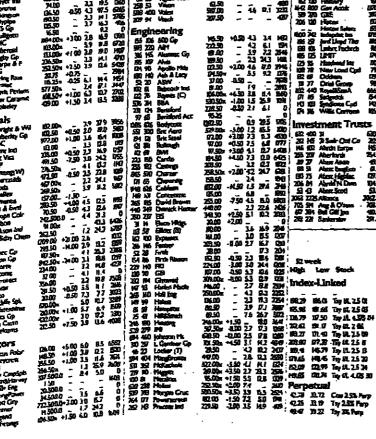
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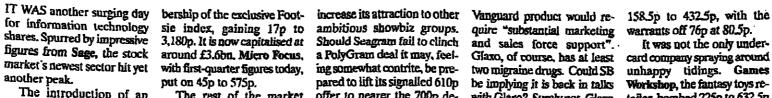












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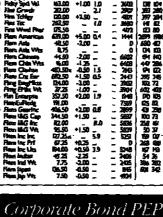
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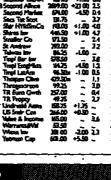


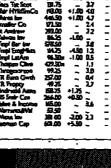


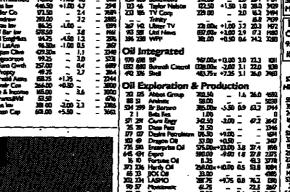


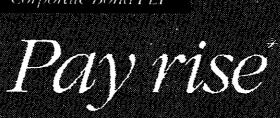












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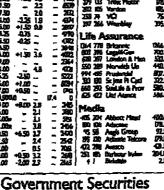


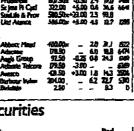


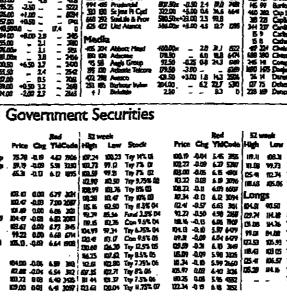
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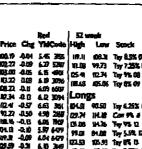
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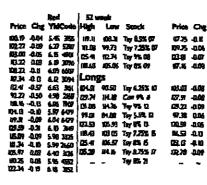
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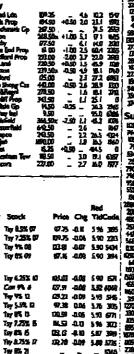






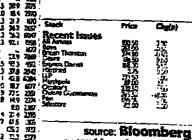












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DIANE COYLE ON WHY THE G8 IS WORRIED ABOUT CRIME

WHAT is the most pressing issue facing the leaders of the world's eight most powerful countries when they meet in Birmingham this weekend for their annual economic summit? Third World poverty and debt? The Asian financial crisis? India's nuclear tests? All these are jostling for space on the crowded agenda. But more fundamental than any of these is international crime, the dark

side of economic globalisation. Half of the four-page communiqué from the finance ministers' pre-summit meeting last weekend concerned new initiatives to tackle financial crime, which Gordon Brown, the Chan-

major challenges of our time". Because of its very nature there are no firm statistics on the extent of crime, and it is not even obvious what ought to be included in such measures. What the ministers are concerned about is not so much small-scale activity in the informal economy that falls outside the law, generally by evading tax and regulations, even though recent European Union estimates put this as high as a tenth of member countries' GDP in size.

In fact, there is an obvious solution to this supposed problem, namely cutting through red tape and reducing taxes on small-scale enterprise, in order to encourage what ought to be welcome economic activity.

Rather, the Go's real concern is international organised crime, money laundering and drug trafficking, along with large-scale tax evasion by rogue multinationals. This globalised criminal economy is, on any estimate, huge and pervasive. A UN conference in 1994 reckoned global trade in illegal drugs alone was worth \$500bn (£300m) a year, bigger than the oil business. Global profits from all criminal activities was put in the region of \$750bn to \$1 trillion a year. A big proportion of this is laundered and much actually reinvested in egitimate businesses. The activities involved range

from old favourites such as drugs, arms dealing, prostitution and gambling to newer businesses like trafficking nuclear materials and human organs. And the ingenuity, the sheer entrepreneurship, is breathtaking. A fascinating report published earlier this year by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), an international financial crime squad based in Paris, lists some of the most popular methods of money laundering.

Using bureaux de change is the latest wheeze. The paper gives an example of one based in a small town in Germany. Its owner, "Peter", frequently exchanged around \$50,000-worth of high denomination foreign currency notes for low-denommation ones at a local bank, cellor, described as "one of the explaining that customers preferred smaller notes. When Germany introduced new regulations requiring the reporting of big cash transactions, Peter, who had a police record relating to dealing in soft drugs, started to change smaller amounts and passed the bureau de change on to a new owner, "André". Ironically, the drop in the size of the bureau's transactions made the bank suspicious. A police investigation culminated in the discovery of a drugs-related laundering operation and the arrest of André, who had \$250,000 sitting in his house. Peter and his

family fled abroad. But the FATF paper notes that all kinds of businesses popular with launderers - gam- does not engage with the mafia and keep their financial markets



Mafioso entrepreneurship may have a perverse glamour but it is an growing problem for G7 countries All Action

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However, even in a G7 coun-

bling, art auctions, real estate, for example. And while carrying large amounts of cash stuffed into suitcases across borders is still the norm, the task force has grown concerned about the opportunities offered by new technologies. The internet allows for rapid transactions, anonymity, breaks in the audit trail and an

alternative to the traditional banking system. Already one internet-based operation, the "European Union Bank" based in Antigua, has been discovered on the net offering total discretion. The authorities are also worried about the opportunities offered by on-line gambling. And whereas in a country like Britain, whose criminals seem to have lost their share in export excellence, thriving under glob-

markets just as steadily as its manufacturers, it is easy to dismiss the international crime problem as a distraction from the real issues, the damaging spillovers are more obvious elsewhere. Russia is a glaring example, where the fact that it is hard to run a business that

ity of the yakaca to trigger a Wall Street crash, for instance. A large part of the G8 economies - and more of some smaller economies - has no official existence and is therefore outside the range of economic policy. More important, as Berkeley

sociologist Manuel Castells points out in the third volume of his epic work, The Information Age (published by Blackwell), is the way extensive criminal business is corroding democratic and market institutions. In one of the periodic bouts of realism to strike the profession, economists are placing increasing emphasis on the role institutions play in determining economic outcomes. It is widely accepted that corruption and cronyism played a significant part in Asia's crisis, for instance. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, with the support of the rest of the G7 and the International Monetary Fund and World Bank, has emphasised the importance of transparency, accountability and good governance in crisis-prevention.

For without a rule of law and reasonably non-corrupt institutions and governments, markets cannot work. It is probably inevitable that vibrant capitalism will always have a criminal element, as misdirected entrepreneurship spots more profitable opportunities than are available in legal activities. It even has a certain perverse glamour, or so the popularity of thrillers and action movies would suggest - more glamour, anyway, than the conventional world of business and finance. It's hard to see Quentin Tarantino going for any dialogue about put options.

But when the criminal element grows too large it eats the foundations of the bulk of the economy from within. It is growing alarmingly now, exploiting more efficiently than any multinational the opportunities afforded by globalisation. If globalisation is going to be able to deliver its potential economic gains, the G8 will have to come up with more effective means of pest control.

PEOPLE & BUSINESS

JOHN WILLCOCK



THE ASSOCIATION of British Insurers (ABI) is losing a lame duck and gaining an old warhorse. In comes new chairman Sandy Lettch, chief executive of British American Financial Services (BAFS), and renowned in the industry as a tough operator. Out goes Roger Taylor, the former head of Sun Alliance who lost his company role following the Royal Sun Alliance merger, prompting some cynics

to dub him a "lame duck chairman". The ABI's top job is usually rotated around the eight largest companies. Mr Leitch will take over at the ABI's AGM on 8 July, and says his priority is to make "the British insurance industry the best in the world". Commendable sentiments. The ABFs 450 corporate members, after all, represent over 200,000 employees and manage a total of £640bn.

Odd then that Mr Leitch has spent the last 18 months since ousting George Greener from BAFS (who in turn had arrived from Mars) in leading BAFS towards a "merger" with Zurich, to form Zurich Financial Services Group - headquartered in Zurich. That looks more like selling out to the Swiss to me.

Anyway, Mr Leitch will hold the ABI position for one year, and will not be paid a penny for it. I suppose this makes him a "thin cat". Mark Boleat, full-time director-general of the ABL, will certainly have his work cut out keeping up with the energetic chairman. Mr Leitch says his priorities at the ABI are

to "regain the confidence of the consumer after the pensions mis-selling scandal and demonstrate that recompense is being made". So how will he balance the onerous workload at BAFS with his numerous responsi-

bilities at the ABI, I ask him? "I work long and hard," he replies. Fasten your seat belts, it's going to be an interesting year.

WE'RE used to hearing about UBS people baling out of the London operation following the SBC merger. Now UBS's top man in Germany has defected to rival Crédit Suisse

In a rather un-continental, almost indecently Anglo-Saxon-style head hunting operation, Dr

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Gerhard Heinrich, presently chairman of UBS (Germany), has been poached to become chairman of CSFB's German operations. from 1 August. Dr Heinrich will also be a deputy chairman of CSFB Europe and a member of the CSFB European Executive Board. A spokesman for CSFB says that Dr

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Heinrich is "regarded as a hard hitter in Germany. The appointment signals that CSFB is: serious about Germany and will be doing things there."

JOHN Rudgard, the grand old man of cider who retired from Bulmers last month after 33 years with the company, has joined Jennings Brothers, the Cumbrian brewer and pub operator, as a non-executive director.

The apple-cheeked Mr Rudgard spent his last 10 years at Bulmers as chief executive, and made way in April for Michael Hughes, who arrived from Guinness. Mr Rudgard left Bulmers at a low point in its fortunes. The maker of Britain's lead-

ing cider brand, Strongbow, issued a profits warning on Christmas sales, prompted by cheap lager imports from the Continent. Aged 58, married with four children, Mr Rudgard always had a hankering for the pub trade, and even pondered whether Bulmers should buy some pubs or a small brewer.

although it never did. Trevor Greening, chief executive of Jennings, laughs at the suggestion that Mr Rudgard's appointment presages Jennings

going into cider making. Certainly not, no no ... cider making is highly specialised business," he chortles. Jennings was founded in 1828 and is now based in Cockermouth, the home of William Wordsworth. The company is listed on AIM, made £2m profits last year and owns 117 pubs. But it won't be making any cider.

CASTING my eye over the latest economic analysis from BT Alex.Brown's Ian Amstad, I read: "One more wobble for the loonie?"

Somewhat bemused, I persevere: "Although the Canadian dollar remains undervalued on PPP arguments one could paint a bearish scenario for the currency and it is vulnerable to another speculative attack. This is partly because of the Bank of Canada's perceived ambivalence toward the loonie...

Mr Amstad is quick to reassure me of his mental health. "Loonie is the local nickname for the Canadian currency. Some people also call it the 'canuck buck'."

STILL on the subject of dealer-speak, we've had the Goldilocks economy - "not too hot, not too cold,"-now Barton Briggs of Morgan Stanley brings us "Alice in Amerwonderland".

For the third year in a row, he writes in a note this week, real returns for American equities approached 30 per cent. Over the last two centuries American equities have delivered a real return of 7 per cent per annum.

Mr Briggs then warns: "Lewis Carroll once said Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass were exercises in pure fantasy. The mutual fund investors who think the future will be like the recent past are similarly afflicted."

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Springs reigns in a Dante inferno

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By Richard Edmondson at York

THE Dante Stakes was meant to clarify the Derby picture but the fist was still going down on top of the set at the Knavesmire yesterday following a most inconclusive Classic trial. Saratoga Springs took the contest, principally by avoiding the his rivals, but the Derby he contests may not even be the one over the Surrey Downs.

The Irish winner is one of three colts from his yard who may turn up at Epsom next month. King Of Kings and Second Empire are also in the equation, but gleaning Aidan O'Brien's stable selected was not an éasy process yesterday. Some considered him non-committal, bays emerged from the stalls.

but he wasn't as equivocal as that. O'Brien said he would have to discuss the matter with stable connections, as he would the suggestion that he may abandon the jumps side of his operation next season. They're going to get through a lot of hot beverages and digestives at Ballydoyle over the next few weeks. "No horse is confirmed for their next run." confirm if you like, yesterday. It looked simple. But it wasn't. "They're all in and it's all open,"

Saratoga Springs' journey over the Irish Sea had been dedayed by fog and he was not best leased by the wait judged on

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his skittish display in the pad- a clip. He was tired when he was dock. When the lead got pulling up. He's the worst horse demeanour did not improve.

Around the Irish horse, others were better behaved. The calm Border Arrow looked so had put in an extra section amidships. His chequered and patterned rump and flanks gave the impression of a mobile melée that consumed three of his name might imply, was compendium. Teapot Row, as short, though he was definitely not stout. The slight colt went to the front on sufferance once the three chestnuts and three

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Elnadim (York 2.35) NB: Capri (York 3.40)

At the three-furlong marker he conked out. That left City Honours in front, but he was quickly joined and passed by Dr Fong. These two then lurched to the inside and became involved in a Dante inferno with Border Arrow. City Honours managed to extricate himself best from this barging match, but by then Saratoga Springs O'Brien confirmed, or failed to had sneaked past on the outside.

"He's tough and a hard ride and he tried to pull up with me," Michael Kinane, the winning jockey, reported. "You have to be tough with him and give him

trapped in his bridle the colt's at home but he does it out there on the track."

Saratoga Springs is a developing creature and certainly behaves like a teenager at his Co long it appeared as if a welder Tipperary digs. "He doesn't had put in an extra section work at home," O'Brien said. "He's a lazy horse. He just cats and sleens and this is the first time he's had to do a bit. I don't think there is a bottom to him. We certainly haven't seen it yet and they don't come any tougher than this horse. He's won over seven furlongs and he's shown a lot of speed, but

> said. So Aidan does have problems of a sort, but only the ones every other trainer in Europe would wish to endure.

he's so lazy he'd get most trips." It is less easy to be convinced about King Of Kings' staying aptitude, and his next venture in the Irish 2,000 Guineas will not tell us more. Second Empire's challenge is to regain fitness after a pulled muscle. "It's very slow with him and we're just hoping that he goes forward every day and he doesn't take a step backwards," O'Brien

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Gulland	B-1		B-1
Hadroi	10-1		9-1
Croco Rouge	14-1	14-1	14-1
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Border Arrow	14-1	7-1	3 -1
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2.05: LIDO, who shaped well on		
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drawn in stall six and should go close. Risque Lady is the danger.	ĺĺ	
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2.35: DANETIME, sure to be fitter for his Newmarket pipeopener, is expected to prove a top class sprinter this year. Elnadim

3.10: PERSIAN PUNCH, who won well on his reappearance looks the best option. Busy Flight may be the chief stumbling block.

3,40: GREEK DANCE, most impressive last time, can enhance his Derby claims. Capri is a potent threat.

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Shaw 4.00 Aly Daley 4.30 Brother Of Iris 5.00 Astrac Trio 5.30 Glacial Princess

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2.25 NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds
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Salt Of Gold	11-1	17-1	12-1	124
Raise A King	10-1	10-1	12-1	10-1
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HYPERION 2.05 Lido 2.35 DANETIME (nep) 4.10 Tom Dougal 4.40 Calcutta 3.10 Persian Punch (nb) 3.40 Greek Dance 5.10 Generous Libra

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• LEADING JOCKEYS: L Destort 39-178 (21.9%), Pal Eddeny 25-172 (14.5%), K Fallon 20-54
(13%), K Darley 17-55 (17%), M J Kinanne 18-95 (16.8%), W H Swinburn 14-78 (17.7%).

• FAVOLINTES: 174-465 (25.2%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Symonds Inn (310).

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8 40-452 MARTON MOSS (SWE) (8) (TH Secrets) T Enserby 8 10 K Fallon 7	104
7 4002-2 LIDO (30) (Guy Reed) 8 Hills 89	
8 3-206 THE DOWNTOWN FOX (5) (D) (G Whiteher) 8 McMahon 8 9	101
9 00-002 ELEVENTH DUKE (11) (Lucayan Saud) R Harmon 88	101
10 2230-0 REQUESTOR (5) (Marquesa de Monsielle) J PagGeneid 8 8	104
11 34340 SEA MAGIC (19) (Rey Richerts) B Hills 87	172
2 040-62 BUZZ (11) (D) (Guy Reed) C Thornton 84	45
13 314-00 HAKEEN (12) (Ahmed Al Sheler) R Armstrong 8.4	100
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2.35 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group 3) (CLASS A) £53,000 added of £31,350
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5.30 MAIDEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H)

£2,000 added 2m 110yds

3.40 MICHAEL SEELY MEMORIAL GLASGOW STAKES (CLASS B) £18,000 added 3YO 1m 2f 85yds Penalty Value £11,617

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Selection: EUT TO SOMEWHERE

4	.40	COSTCUTTER E.B.F. MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D £10,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £6,985
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BETTING: 6-4 Calcuta, 3-1 Guines Hunter, 7-2 Attentic Destiny, 8-1 Capeaner, 10-1 Capeaner, 25-1 Top Act, Calico Lady
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CALCUTTA ted halfway until entering final furlong, but found no extra under pressure and finished third, 31 behind Sheer Viking in 51 Malden race at Newmarket earlier this month. Capitalist is a Sigstone cost out of a mare who won over 1m 41 in Franca, Carrendon is a Forest Wind cold out of an unraced mare. Guines Hunter is a Pips Pride coft, brother of 51 winner Three Star Raisel. Top Act is a inchinor colf. half-brother to three winners up to 71, including Russian Heroins. Attentic Destiny is a Royal Academy (1-1), half-sister to winners on the Flat and over hundes. Calico Lady was soon behind in 51 Malden Auction at Hamition less tweek, finishing soft of seven, 181 behind Sergeant ly, half-sister to winners on the Flat and over nurous. Common 181 behind Sergeant in 51 Mediden Auction at Harnition last week, finishing sorth of seven, 181 behind Sergeant Selection: CALCITTA THE DIARIES HRI R RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B)

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3	026-2	FUTURE PERFECT (12) (D) (R O M Recirc) P Cole 4 8 13T Oxion
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5	026	GIVE NE A RING (341) (CD) (Guy Reed) C Thombon 5 8 10
6	100-00	HIGHBORN (12) (Yorkshire Record Club Group 1990) P Felgate 9 8 8
7	122-65	CUGRIA (12) (D) (Mas B Swine) G Balding 4 8 7
8	3000-2	GENEROUS LIBRA (23) (Walt: Said) J Dunlop 4 8 6
9	1100	DIAMOND PLANE (29) (D) (The Dancing Dozen) F Harris 486
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Puture Perfect was held up, making smooth headway to challenge over 11 out. He kept on under pressure to take second place of 14, 11 behind American Whisper in 1m 21 hand-icap at Newmarket lest time. Prince Of Dential made headway 37 out and was hard ridden to 1f out, but could not quicken and completed in third place in 15-runner race, 31 behind Kewarra in 1m 21 handicap at Epsom last month, Give Me A Ring chased winner from 10f out until 10 27 out before teding and finishing sixth of nine, 22l behind Anabien Story In 1m 41 handicap at Epsom in June, Highborn chased leader, ficiden 40 out, but soon weakened and could only manage 10th of 11, 191 behind Sesuchamp King in 71 handicap at Haydock last time. Cuglina was held up, made headway over 21 out, but was one-pased in the final furiong, finishing fifth of 14, 27/4 back in American Whisper's race at Newmarket, EBINEPIOUS LIBRA did not have a clear run over 21 out, and though he stayed on approaching final furiong, he had no chance with winner, finishing 31/4 behind High-Rise in 1m 21 limited states at Pometrial in April, For You Eyes Orty made headway at halfway stags, but was soon outpaced, though he stayed on strongly in the furiong to take third place, 21/4 behind Night Of Glass in 71 handicap at Thirsk last time.

3.50 TRYON HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 added 7f

Monty keen to return on high

Golf

By Andy Farrell at The Oxfordshire

AFTER four weeks off, the last of which meant sleepless nights and changing nappies. Colin Montgomerie returns to business today at the Benson and Hedges International Cameron, the new arrival in the Montgomerie household, will not be seeing much of his father in the near future as the Scot plays nine of the next 10 tournaments, with only three weeks' rest in the next 21.

Montgomerie has not played since finishing eighth in the US Masters, his best result in the tournament. "My form is a mystery," Monty said. "But I played quite well in the pro-am today and very well yesterday." That is something of an understatement. An early morning match against Darren Clarke on Tuesday was terminated at the 15th with Montgomerie nine under.

With the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth and the Deutsche Bank Open, both with purses over £1m, following in the next two weeks, Montgomerie is keen to get into contention quickly. "The Benson and Hedges and the PGA are both titles I want to win," he said.

His task this week at The Oxfordshire, just outside Thame, has been made easier by the fine weather and the withdrawal of the defending champion. Bernhard Langer. Yesterday's sunshine was in stark contrast to the snow that fell during a practice round last year. The B&H has suffered since moving from Fulford and its August date, first at St Mellion and in the last two years in the Siberian gales here. Langer coped better than anyone 12 months ago but a neck injury forced the German home yesterday to see a specialist.

Montgomerie, who faces opposition from Lee Westwood and Jose Maria Olazabal, will rounds in order to win the tournament. "I only want to play three," he said. His last rounds at The Oxfordshire in the last two years have been 84, in '96 when he led with 18 holes to play, and 81. "If the weather had been half decent two years ago, I should have and probably would have won," Monty said.

Alastair McLean, his regular caddie, is still recovering from back surgery, but could be back for the US Open, for which Montgomerie is planning to fly out early to California. "I want to give myself every possible chance to win at Olympic," he said. "I know there will always be a blip on my career if I don't win a major."

The day before he leaves, Montgomerie, plus father and brother, will make a trip to Paris for Scotland's World Cup opener against Brazil. How did he get the tickets? "It's a long story." came the reply. "It'll be a good day out, whatever the result."

Howey going for gold again

ludo

By Nicola Fairbrother

KATE HOWEY, the middleweight world champion, begins her eighth attempt to win the European title today in Oviedo. Spain. In previous campaigns, she has had to be content with two silver and four bronze medals.

Howey will be fighting 4kg heavier than she did in Paris last October, when she took the world crown, a move that has not been out of choice. Last December, the International Judo Federation announced alterations to some of the weight divisions. "At first I was happy just to get a medal, then I think I've been unlucky a few times," she said.



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2.15 WARMINSTER MAIDEN STAKES - 18 doctored -BETTHRC: 3-1 Three Luine, 6-1 Cachatairn, Separtugue Saleta, 7-1 Caste Lail Star, Kullun Scanop, Little Fencets, 10-1 Gladai Princess, Pempuret (CLASS D) £4,500 added 2YO 5f CLASS D) E4,500 addied 2YO 5f

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Bergkamp's reluctant dinner date leaves a sour taste

INFORMATION that Dennis honoured, Tom Finney, Billy Wright, about) and Bergkamp will be off with Bergkamp has been ordered by Ar- Danny Blanchflower, Bobby Moore, his trophy before a morsel has been sène Wenger to make only a token Bobby Charlton, George Best, Gor- set before the assembled company. appearance as the 1998 Footballer don Banks, Gary Lineker, and, of the Year at tonight's Football more recently, Jürgen Klinsmann. don strikes me as proof that the were thrilled recipients. game and its chroniclers are drawing further apart.

Throughout its 51-year history, and despite competition from an award given by the Professional Footballers' Association of which I was once a member, the writers' tro-traditional arrangements. phy has been regarded as the most

Such notables as Stanley Matthews, who was the first to be ably wondering what all the fuss is hostage to television and its relations course, make players famous. Noth- it constitutes loose thinking.

case, were involved in the FA Cup final. Even when the ceremony took kick-off at Wembley all, along with their team's manager, fitted in with

Wenger will not be in attenprestigious individual distinction in dance tonight (with their thoughts indifference, some of us older guys concentrated on a double achievement, Arsenal supporters are prob- which we lived when football was not formed. Newspaper men did not, of does not amount to an outright snub,

As I understand it, Wenger, who obviously takes great pride in being Writers' Association dinner in Lon- Eric Cantona and Gianfranco Zola known as a thorough professional, was against Bergkamp showing up Many winners, as in Bergkamp's even before an injury in the match that confirmed Arsenal as champions made him doubtful for Wemplace less than 24 hours before the bley. As Wenger's record shows, it is not often that he can be accused of goofing, but here is one instance where he fails down on the job.

Armed with the fact of Wenger's have been recalling a period through



to suspicion.

Before the commotion raised

ing did that for them save their own skills and intelligence and resolution, though the press did spread and celebrate their fame. The vast salaries available in English football today were obtained partly as the result of a vigorous press campaign against the maximum wage and an iniquitons retain and transfer system.

It is a matter of individual opinion whether the publicity football receives in print puts it under any obligation to people who are merely doing their job. However, if Wenger's absence from tonight's atby scurrilous rather than diligent refair (the Newcastle manager, Kenporting, lasting friendships were my Dalglish, accepted an invitation)

Some football writers of my acquaintance who spend a lot of time listening to the England manager, Glenn Hoddle, are not convinced that an invitation to be present tonight was declined purely on the grounds that he needs to concentrate fully on next month's World

They argue that this did not prevent Hoddle appearing on BBC television earlier this week when he stated contempt for opinions on selection and strategy put forward by sports writers. "In fact, I don't read them," he said. This is probably no closer to the truth than it was when expressed by some of his predecessors, but that is another matter.

A pretty obvious conclusion is that relations between England's World Cup squad and a swollen press corps are unlikely to be easy. If the past is anything to go by, and results do not go Hoddle's way, the atmosphere could be hostile.

Someone suggested this week that a siege mentality brings football teams closer together. I do not remember that ever being considered in 1966 and 1970. The press did not find Alf Ramsey easy to deal with, and there were fewer of us at it. A happier state of affairs existed because the players were more mature and writers conformed more readily to the advice of taking the job seriously - but never themselves.

Atherton's game of patience bears fruit

By David Llewellyn at Canterbury

Kenc 186; Lancashire 90-3

AS A measure of class and sheer guts, there can have been few better examples than the way Michael Atherton donned the crampons against Kent yesterday and slowly worked his way back up the steep slope in search of better form. The top of his personal mountain is still some way off, but at least he has now left base camp.

The former England captain has been out of sorts for a long while now. His 98 last Sunday was a start, but he needed to out together something of sub-

an England place, and probably just to retain his self-belief. He did precisely that.

In a shade over two hours Atherton dug deep and by the close had reached a chanceless 42. It was embroidered with patience and studded with just three boundaries in the 102 balls he has faced to date. It was his best first-class score this season. His two previous Championship innings were 0 and 33 not out, the latter made against declaration bowling at Sussex. And Atherton's innings took on even greater stature with the dismissals of John Crawley, Neil Fairbrother and Nathan Wood before the close.

The left-hander Wood had looked perfectly comfortable in stance in the longer game in a 62-run opening partnership

been caught at first slip pushing

half-forward to Kevin Shine,

Mike Gatting produced four of

his trademark square cuts before

being caught behind trying to

run a ball to third man. Owais

Shah cut at the wrong ball and

movement away from the bat

counted for David Nash.

order to stay in the running for with Atherton, but he fell to a Only Mark Ealham applied leg-side catch behind for 27.

Crawley lasted just a handcaught behind by Steve Marsh without scoring. Fairbrother picked up the tempo but with, two balls remaining to stumps, he shouldered arms to a delivery from Carl Hooper and was bowied by the arm ball.

That left Atherton looking solid and good for a big score today. However painstaking his innings may have seemed, it was certainly the only approach to adopt, especially after Lancashire had done such good work to dismiss Kent inside two sessions.

The Kent innings was as fast as the Lancashire effort was slow. There seemed to be an inbatting and that led to waste. sorrier than it did.

on mist chances

himself. He coped well with the movement through the air genful of balls before he too was erated by the Lancashire bowlers, the ball swung a little less after hunch but still enough to ensure Kent were whipped out on the stroke of tea.

Ealham would probably prefer a little bit of licence when he is at the crease, unfortunately the failure of those above and around him in the order dictated otherwise. For all that, he was still able to claim 10 thudding boundaries and one hard-hit six which deared the spectators and their cars, in his excellent

Had it not been for Ealham. who shared in a precious stand of 64 with Ben Phillips, the Kent decent haste to the home side's score would have looked a lot



Paul Adams, the South African bowler whose action has been described as being 'like a

Photograph: Dave Thomson/AP

Fluent Harden and Sussex miss out Lathwell lift tone

at Lord's

Middlesex 204: Somerset, 157-5

FIFTEEN wickets fell for 361 runs in a day which brought no fewer than 58 fours, statistics not all that easy to reconcile. The ball moved around off the seam particularly in the morning when Middlesex lost six wickets for 83 in 29 overs.

In the afternoon, the last four wickets added 121 when Richard Johnson, Paul Weekes and James Hewitt hit no less then 22 fours. The explanation was that most of the surface moisture had dried under the sun and batting was easier.

When Somerset began their innings. Angus Fraser and Johnson also moved the ball around. After 17 overs, they were 45 for 3 before Richard Harden and Mark Lathwell began to bat as confidently as Middlesex's lower order had, adding 97 in 144 balls. Their 50 partnership came in 54 halls and the ball was constantly going to the boundary. The bowling, like Somerset's after lunch, was untidy and the batsmen had too many chances to play their

Keith Brown, Middlesex's captain in the absence of Mark Ramprakash, who has a bruised finger, was caught at third slip. The only man to hold firm was Richard Kettleborough, who was sixth out when he forced at Andy Caddick and Keith Parsons

held a diving catch in the gulley. After lunch, Weekes and Hewitt played some lovely strokes and Peter Bowler had to call up Mushtaq Ahmed to put an end to it. Johnson and Fraser accounted for the Somerset openers before tea and in the first over afterwards Johnson found the edge of Parsons' bat.

Harden and Lathwell restored some sort of order and Phil Tufnell was given his first bowl of the season for Middlesex. Both batsmen reached fifties and Harden was then bowled driving across Johnson while Robert Turner also perished before the close.

After Justin Langer had By Jon Culley

BOTH of these sides believe they can finish in the top half of the Championship, a view possibly not widely shared outside Nottingham and Hove. Sussex, despite finishing bottom of both the Britannic and Axa League tables last season, might just be the better bet, although they failed to make the most of their opportunities here yesterday.

A heavy mist hung around for much of the first two sessions and even when the sun emerged the air remained moist. In consequence, the ball swung appreciably, so much so that by the 10th over of the Nottinghamshire innings Chris Adams had every reason to feel pleased with his decision to field.

The new Sussex captain had just taken an excellent catch to remove Jason Gallian, who had been eager to post his first meaningful runs for his new county, to give James Kirtley his second wicket of the morning. Kirtley, a young and enthusiastic quick bowler of some promise, had already dismissed

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side were 16 for 2 Kirtley finished with 3 for 59,

his new-ball partner Jason Lewry 4 for 57, an encouraging effort from a player who spent all of last season recovering from a stress fracture. Michael Bevan, the Australian signed primarily as a batsman but who now and then bowls Chinamen, marked his Sussex Championship debut by taking wickets with his fourth and fifth balls.

Yet there were too many loose deliveries, even from the successful bowlers, not to mention 51 extras conceded, and Nottinghamshire still managed what could be a useful total if the morning cloud lingers again today. By the close Sussex were three down and 226 behind, with Bevan gone and Adams being one of two out before a run had been scored. Adams was run out as the non-striker when Mark Bowen deflected Toby

Nottinghamshire's recovery had been led by their captain, Paul Johnson, who struck 11 fours in his 68 of 75 balls, a typically exhilarating innings that came to a most disappointing end when he spooned an easy catch to square leg.

frog in a blender', in the nets at Worcester yesterday

Notts v Sussex

Malcolm in fine fettle

DEVON MALCOLM, watched by England's chairman of selectors David Gravency at Northampton, helped to remove the early Championship leaders, Yorkshire, for just 148 with a devastating haul of 6 for 54 yesterday for his new county, Northamptonshire.

Only Craig White (42) and Chris Silverwood (40) lasted for long against the 35-year-old Malcolm and Paul Taylor (3 for 50) before Northamptonshire built up a slender lead of 10 tuns by the close as they progressed to 158 for 4.

Surrey rattled up 434 for 5 against Hampshire at Southampton, with Ally Brown making an unbeaten 111. He reached his century off 94 balls with 15 fours and two sixes, after the opener Mark Butcher had scored 106 for his eighth first-class century. The new England Test captain, Alec Stewart, also made an impression with 59 gritty runs.

The 18-year-old Michael Gough batted for nearly five hours to make 62 on his debut for Durham against Essex at Chester-le-Street.

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Surgery blow for **England** centre Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

CLIVE WOODWARD'S efforts to stay afloat in an ocean of Australian whine were seriously hampered yesterday when Will Greenwood, one of the few English summer tourists able to boast a reputation in Brisbane and Sydney, dropped an untimely injury depth charge less than 24 hours after being named in the squad.

The Leicester Lion requires keyhole surgery to correct a shoulder condition and, if he is forced off the trip, Woodward will be deprived of his only internationally-experienced centre.

"We're both very disappointed at the situation, but we'll discuss the results when the surgery is concluded and I hope he can join us on tour," the England coach said.

Meanwhile, the Wallaby whinge machine remained in full production as John O'Neill, the chief executive of the Australian Rugby Union, reacted to the inclusion of 17 uncapped players in Woodward's tour party by threatening to take the issue to next week's meeting of the International Board in Dublin. O'Neill accused Richmond, the Premiership club with four players in the party, of imposing unconstitutional conditions on their tour contingent - an allegation that left the Londoners flabbergasted

"The sub-standard quality of the England party has had a devastating effect on ticket sales," he continued. "I'm left with the suspicion that a group of players have been coerced by their clubs into not travelling. I really hate having to stick my nose into someone else's backyard, but the backyard is international rugby and that's the fundamental issue we're fighting for."

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There was a more philosophical response from New Zealand, where five of the seven tour matches will be played. Indeed, John Hart, the shrewd and statesmanlike All Black coach, offered Woodward some precious support by saying. This England team is very exciting and I'm not sure it's as weak as people are trying to make out. We ourselves may have a number of new players."

However, David Moffett. the New Zealand Rugby Football Union chief executive, took a more antagonistic line. "As a result of this selection, we'll be urging the IB to impress upon the RFU that every other rugby country in the world believes the international game takes precedence over the club game. We're not going to be held

to ransom by 20 English clubs." Whether the IB is capable of. exercising any judgement is a. moot point, though; judging by yesterday's events, the governing body cannot even police its own disciplinary procedures.

Last week, four executive members ordered 82 member unions to cease playing contact with Premiership clubs - a message that clearly failed to reach Kenya, who have accepted an invitation to face Saracens, Wasps. Leicester and sundry other English lepers at the Middlesex Sevens on Saturday.

"I hadn't thought of the Sevens and I don't suppose anyone else thought of it either," admitted Hugh Penman, a member of the board's secretariat and an administrative specialist. To raise it with the executive, but I won't have a chance until Mouday." Nice to know the 118 is ahead of the game.

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Brown finally calls time on McCoist

Football

By Phil Gordon

ALLY McCOIST finally ran out of luck yesterday as Craig the 22-man squad which leaves Negri kept him unemployed.

The Rangers striker, affectionately known by his fellow

By Simon Turnbull

Sunderland win 3-2 on aggregate

KEVIN PHILLIPS scored his

34th goal for Sunderland last

night. It was more than just an-

that earned Phillips a place in the

other one. The side-footed shot bley Way, on 25 May.

record books - equalling Brian promotion boat, a fate suffered

Clough's post-war club best by all but one third-placed First

Newton's finishing

touch for Charlton

dividual goal from Shaun swich goalkeeper, Richard

Sheffield United

Charlton Athletic

Charlton win 2-0 on aggregate

CHARLTON put themselves

within one match of the Pre-

miership last night after an in-

Newton earned them a 2-0 ag-

gregate win in their play-off

Victory over Sunderland at

Wembley on Monday 25 May

will restore them to the top flight

for the first since 1990. Charlton

MC to generate a party atmos-

disapproval was directed at the

Ipswich full-back, Mauricio Tar-

icco, whose foul in Sunday's

match had denied Charlton's

substitute. Steve Jones, when he

ken in a post-match scuffle with

a Charlton player, did not ap-

pear unduly perturbed by his re-

ception. But Ipswich's overall

performance was muted in a first

half where the homeside re-

sponded frequently to the urg-

ings of their fans. Charlton set

Taricco, whose nose was bro-

had a clear run on goal.

same stage last season.

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semi-tinal.

Brown refused to become a next Wednesday for a 10-day trip hostage to fortune by including to the United States to begin him among the men who will altheir preparations for France 98. most certainly carry Scotland's Barring injuries the same 22 will hupes in the World Cup finals. be selected by Brown on 2 June

Despite a late flurry of goals professionals as Golden Bolin the final months of the seaocks for his knack of being in son, the former European Goldthe right place at the right time en Boot, who is now 35, could

Phillips lights

up Sunderland

miership passions alive on Wear-

side. It took Peter Reid's team

through to the First Division play-

off final. In emulating their near-

neighbours, with a semi-final

victory against Sheffield United,

Sunderland ensured they will be

following Newcastle down Wem-

about their own challenge en-

ergetically despite the absence

through injury of their top-scor-

ner, Mark Bright, came close on

three occasions, the last of

them involving a bicycle kick

from close range which the Ip-

Wright, managed to parry away.

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speciacular effort from Newton,

needed to be little more than ef- right, negotiating through chal- heart of the Sheffield United ficient to see off a disappointing lenges before snapping in a box for Phillips to score.

Ipswich side who went out at the rising drive with his left foot.

Sunderland went for

the 57th minute, when David

the other end, the visitors back

four looked far from certain and

Jason Cundy nearly added to the

score with a misdirected back-

pass which Wright just managed

to catch before it crossed the line.

The goal finished off lp-

who drifted in field from the Summerbee, who drove into the

But Wright was only putting

Mendonca's striking part-

er, Clive Mendonca.

The spectre of missing the

scriptwriter, can now make more appearances for the BBC alternative plans this summer. than he did for Rangers earlier McCoist was omitted from in the session, when Marco

> Brown refused to dwell on the exit of his 59-times capped player from the international scene. "You would have to ask Ally how he took the news," he

The astute coach, who has steered his side to a second successive major tournament, be- Derby, while Paul Lambert has lieves that the class of 38 stand

seasons, hung in the air with the

Wearside mist as Sunderland

strove to overcome the one

goal deficit they suffered at

Reid's side failed to score in

their Stadium of Light but when

Phillips crashed to the ground

after seven minutes they faced

the prospect of having to do so

without their one-man goal ma-

chine. The diminative striker

was left hobbling for 10 minutes after damaging his left ankle in

a challenge with Nicky Marker

but recovered sufficiently to

fire the first two warning shots

across Sheffield United's bows.

came, in the 21st minute, it ma-

terialised from wide on the

left. Allan Johnston's low angled

shot appeared to carry little

threat, until it took a deflection

off Marker and beat Simon

break Sunderland had the ag-

gregate lead. Michael Gray did

the damage with a deep incision

down the left. The full-back had

Sandford and a follow-up effort

clawed out by Tracey to Nicky

Seven minutes before the

Tracey's despairing grasp.

When the breakthrough

Not for six months had

Bramall Lane on Sunday.

tally for a season - also kept Pre- Division finisher in the past 11

previous Scotland team. His optimism is not dimmed by the world ratings, which list the Scots as the weakest side in a group which also contains

Brazil, Norway and Morocco. "We are better equipped than we were going into Euro 96," Brown said. There is stiffer competition within the squad. Christian Dailly has had two good vears in the Premiership with done well with Borussia Dort- son where he has scored 20

seemed to be written by a thinking Indeed, McCoist had first World Cup hurdle than any has also had two good years' experience with Monaco."

> What pleases Brown more is that Kevin Gallacher looks sharp enough to convert the few chances that tend to come the Scots' way. Presumably, being able to rely on the Blackburn striker and Rangers' Gordon Durie counted against McCoist. "Going into Euro 96, Kevin was just back after a broken leg, whereas he is going into the World Cup on the back of a sea-

in the world," Brown said.

The Scots will take five forwards to the United States, where they play Colombia on 23 May, in New York, and the hosts on 30 May, in Washington. They include Simon Donnelly and Darren Jackson of Celtic, and Scott Booth of Borussia Dortmund whom Brown pencilled in after watching him play last Sunday against Ajax for Utrecht, to whom he is on loan.

The most surprising of his 22 choices is the Celtic defender

and living a career which not force his way into Brown's a better chance of clearing the mund and Celtic. John Collins goals in one of the best leagues. Tosh McKinlay, included despite his most recent appearance for his club being last September in a Uefa Cup tie against Liverpool. However, Brown has remained loval to a man who played in 10 qualifying games, particularly because he offers cover at left wing-back. SCOTLAND SQUAD (y Colombia, 23 May;

SCOTLAND SQUAD (v Colombia, 23 say); v LSA, 30 May: Goram Plangerià, Lighton (Abendon), Solikum (Wimbledon), Soyd (Cattic), Caldarwood (Idtherham), Delily (Derby), Ellod (Leicasar), Hendry (Blacdourn), Welr (Houre), Ellod (Leicasar), Hendry (Blacdourn), Welr (Houre), Burby (Cattic), Colling (Monaco), Gammilli (Fotes), Lambert (Cattic), B McClurlay (Blacdourn), Mohamas (Cattic), B McClurlay (Blacdourn), Mohamas (Cattic), Boutin (Bangeria), Gallacher (Bonasia), Portund, Donnelly (Cattic), Dourin (Rangers), Gallacher (Bangers), Gan

Lindsay's put-down for angry Trinity

Rugby League

By Dave Hadfield

WAKEFIELD TRINITY bave hit back at suggestions that they could not be admitted to Super League, even if they win this season's First Division.

Trinity, three points clear at he top of the table, are understandably concerned at . comments about their prospects made by Super League's managing director, Maurice Lindsay.

"You have to add to the quality of Super League and not detract from it," he said. "If anyone thinks that they can come into Super League just by winning Division One, with a dreadful ground, a group of players who may be good enough to win the title, but who are in other respects ordinary. and with no real back-up wealth, then they are misguided. I don't think Wakefield in their present form could join us."

Trinity's chairman, Ted Richardson, said that Lindsay's comments "dampen the aspirations of the fans, and that's what we've been trying to regenerate". The club has plans for a new stadium on the motorway network and has recently appointed Steve Ferres as the new chief executive.

"It is perhaps unfortunate that Maurice's comments are made without the advantage of seeing the club's proposals." said Richardson. Lindsay's remarks will heighten the fears of clubs outside the élite division that Super League is bent on becoming a closed shop. They will also do little to repair relations between him and the chairman of the Rugby League. Sir Rodney Walker, who is also a former Wakefield chairman.

Test leak row

SNOOKER'S governing body is

to investigate how supposedly

secret drugs testing results im-

plicating Ronnie O'Sullivan

O'Sullivan is alleged to have

tested positive for cannabis

during a tournament in Ireland

six weeks ago, and the second

part of the sample was exam-

ined in London yesterday. No

result was announced but, if it

proved to be positive, then the

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Sheffield United's Ian Hamilton blocks a rampaging Lee Clark of Sunderland last night

minutes Charlton increased a shot cleared off the line by Lee

Sunderland went for the jugular but Johnston was denied Despite the efforts of the swich Apart from one effort in by a post and the diving Tracey, who also kept out a Quinn phere, the Valley was soon re- Johnson had a diving header header from point-blank range. sounding with boos. The saved from Gus Uhlenbeek's As each close shave passed, the right-wing cross, they never Blades remained in with a

looked likely to find a way chance and they finally showed through the home defence. At a cutting edge of their own. To the relief of the locals, however, they were blumted by Lionel Perez. The Frenchman performed goalkeeping heroics to thwart Stuart, Marcelo and Dean Saunders in quick succession.

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Donovan foils the grand plan of Fulham

THERE are some things money cannot buy, and a place in a Wembley play-off final is one of them, Mohamed Al Fayed and his director of football, Kevin Keegan, will have to wait another year to join the ranks of the upwardly mobile in the First Division, their high hopes finally being shattered by Grimsby after they had defended for an hour with only 10 men.

But the Mariners, who for long periods did not seem to

tra player, left it late before merical advantage, it looked cer- packed their penalty area in making their numerical superi- tain that Grimsby would coast the hope of hanging on and Snooker ority pay. There were less then towards a second visit to Wem-snatching something on the 10 minutes remaining when bley in the wake of their Auto break. It almost worked, though By Guy Hodgson the massed ranks of Fulham defenders were finally caught square and Kevin Donovan nipped through them to slide the ball past Maik Taylor.

Until the first leg on Sunday when Paul Moody was dismissed. Fulham had not had a man sent off all season, but they doubled their red card count after only half an hour when their Canadian striker, Paul Peschisolido, was given his marching orders for a reckless challenge on Peter Handyside.

With both home and nu-Windscreens triumph. Indeed, Lee Nogan should have put them ahead almost immedigoalkeeper turned his shot

round the post. With Peter Beardsley injured, Fulham had no one who could out his stamp on the game and made little impression even before Peschisolido's departure, what would have been an own goal off Dave Smith's thigh being the closest they came.

Once outnumbered, they Paul Groves hooked a shot over the bar and Taylor got his body . in the way of Jack Lester's shot ately when he found himself before Donovan finally broke the with only Taylor to beat, but the deadlock. Grimsby, however, will have to show more than this if they are to achieve a second Wembley success.

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trend with Rovers pushing for-

ward more determinedly. Sud-

denly, Barry Hayles and Peter

Beadle were fully occupying the

three home central defenders.

crowd, Northampton pressed

Hugely supported by a 7,500

player could be heavily fined or banned from the game. Warburton tonic for Town

There is dismay within the sport that information about the first test became public knowl. edge. Rex Williams, the chairman of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, yesterday insisted: "This. leak has not come from the

TODAY'S NUMBER

The combined age of former heavyweight boxing champions George Foreman and Larry Holmes, who are to fight each other in America at the end of the year. Foreman will receive \$10m (£6.1m) and Holmes \$4m.

Little's big promise at Stoke

BRIAN LITTLE, the newly-in-*stalled manager at Stoke City. vesterday promised to "stamp his own authority" on the relegated side. Little, who has been out of the game since his departure from Aston Villa in February, became the fourth manager in nine months at the Britannia Stadium when he signed a two-year

controct yesterday. Chic Bates, Chris Kamara and Alan Durban all tried but failed to stop Stoke dropping into the Second Division, with Durban leaving after their evenmai relegation. "A lot of things will change around here. That is what people expect and that is certainly what will happen," Little said.

Norwich City this weekend about becoming their new player-manager. Watson may be joined in the Everton exodus by Adrian Heath, Howard Kendall's assistant, who could join Sheffield United as their

пем тападег. The Italian international Pierluigi Casiraghi moved a step closer to signing for Chelsea yesterday when he announced he was leaving Lazio. The Serie A team are asking around £6m for the 29-year-old, but Chelsea are thought to have offered less.

Marco Boogers ceased to be despite not having played for the pendiente at the weekend.

The Everton defender Dave. club for more than two years. The Watson will have talks with film striker has had his registration transferred to the Dutch dub FC Volendam, where he has been playing for 18 months. Argentina's Gabriel Batistuta

is under investigation for tax evasion. The Fiorestina striker has had £33,000 of his assets frozen by the Argentinian authorities. Fabio Capello is preparing to leave Milan as coach and rejoin Real Madrid, according to Italian news reports.

An Argentiman jadge yesterday suspended league matches in the country because of hooliganism. Two River Plate supporters were shot in the legs a West Ham player yesterday - before a match against Inde- arriving for the event. In the

European Cup final stays put

UEFA, European football's governing body, yesterday lifted its threat to move the European Cup final, on 20 May, away from Amsterdam after the Dutch government stepped in. "In short, the final of the

Champions' League is going ahead in Amsterdam," the Dutch Football Association chairman, Jeu Sprengers, said.

A conflict between the government and Schiphol airport looked like wrecking Amsterdam's chance of hosting the final for the first time since 1962. Noise restrictions at the airport limit the number of flights to 380,000 per year. Schiphol's schedule was full, while the transport ministry said it could not permit more flights for fans end, the government vielded.

By Norman Fox

Northempton Town Bristol Rovers Northampton win 4-3 on agg

to be promoted in successive season's by way of the play-offs seemed an unlikely goal - until last night at Sixfields Stadium. Thanks to goals from Carl Heggs, Ian Clarkson and Ray Warburton, their recovery from a 3-1 defeat at Bristol was rapturously turned into another opportunity to go to Wembley on 24 May, this time with the First Division in sight.

NORTHAMPTON'S ambition

Back in March, Northampton had beaten Rovers 2-0 at this same neat, new stadium, but last night they needed to surpass that performance quickly and defiantly. On the basis of an-- other goal conceded and they would be finished, they stuck to three against two at the back. Rovers formed a firm barri-

Heggs found John Gayle free of attention and his curling header clipped the post. At least Northampton had seen a route. Persistent use of height

er that for 13 minutes was in-

tangible, but then a cross from

eventually came to their aid. A corner from John Frain was turned back into the goalmouth by Christopher Freestone and Heggs rose to head down over the line. The goal set Rovers a dilem-

ma - whether to risk defending their advantage, or go all out to restore their margin of comfort. Certainly they were uncomfortable and needed to defend further upfield. That involved width which Northampton might exploit. So the early part of the second half saw a much different

again. It paid off after 61 minntes when Heggs drove the ball low into the goalmouth and Clarkson carefully sidefooted the ball home to draw level on aggregate.

A severely shaken Rovers had their Wembley dream finally dashed by a set piece. Hunt lifted a corner into a crowded area and Roy Warburton headed firmly in to take Town into an aggregate lead.

Northampton Town (5-2-3): Woodmen; Clarkson, Sampson, Hil, Warburton, Frain; Hunt, Peer, Gayle, Freestone (Brightwell, 85). Bristol Rovers (4-4-2): Jones; Priicherd, Fos-ter, Tisch, Lockwood: Bernett (Hayfield, 78). Penrice, Zabek, Ramesut (Perry, 72): Bee-dio, Hayles.

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Hampshire have awarded their 37-year-old all-rounder Kevan James a benefit next season.

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Football . Nottinghern Forest, have given their 31-year-old French utility player, Thierry Bonelet, another one-year contract.

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Middlesbrough want the former Manchester City and Nottinghern Forest manager Frank Clark to take charge of their new 25m youth academy. The Port Vale coach and former As-ton Villa winger, Ray Graydon, is ex-pected to be named as Walsalfs new manager later this week. The Vicenza coach, Francesco

Guidain, whose side were knocked out of the European Cup-Winners' Cup by Chelsee, announced yesterday that he is leaving the Serie A club. Swindon have signed the Weish in-ternational defender Gareth Hall from Sunderland on a free transfer under he Bosman ruling.

Sheffield Wednesday have released the midfielder Stave Nicol and the on-loan Austrian striker Christian Mayrieb. Leicester City's chairman Tom Smeaton has regioned after nearly two years in the job, due to "other outside COMMitments."
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Tina Cullen, whose left jaw was bro-len during Tuesday's Test against Aus-tralia, has not been ruled out of the World Cup in Utracht, which starts next Wednesday, However, she will not play in the second Test at Milton Keynes tonight. Her place will be taken by Sarah Blanks of Leicester.

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Today's fixtures

Rugby Union ALLIED OUNBAR PREMIERSHIP ONE: Saracens v Northampton (7.45).

Football TOULON INTERNATIONAL UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT Group A: Argentina v South Africa (5:15); England v France (70) (both at Stade des Costière, Nimes). EUROPEAN UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP Qualifier: England v Norway (735) (at Boundary Park, Oldham). Hockey INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Men: Engang v New Zeatand (630); Women: England v Australia 1830) (at Milton Keynes National state.

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Zola's instant impact for Chelsea

By Phil Shaw in Stockholm

Chelsea VfB Stuttgart

GIANFRANCO ZOLA, with a single flash of the brilliance which once made him a fixture with the Azzari, sparked a rhapsody in blue with the goal which restored the European Cup-Winners' Cup to Chelsea after a gap of 27 years in the Rasunda. Stadium last night.

With only his second touch after being introduced as a substitute 19 minutes from time, Zola secured a deserved victory over a Stuttgart side who flattered to deceive. The dismissal of Dan Petrescu, for a fool on Murat Yakin 15 minutes later, could not diminish Chelsea's joy. The Germans also finished with 10 men following a stoppage-time red card for Gerhard Poschner.

The setting could hardly have provided a more vivid contrast with Chelsea's last visit to Scandinavia, at the blizzard-bound Norwegian outpost of Tromso last October. The sun was just setting on a balmy day in the Swedish capital as combat commenced. Instead of a snow-covered huddle, some 16,000 Chelsea fans, clad almost exclusively in replica shirts, began the evening in vociferous voice.

As they roared out that most incongruous of anthems, the one about 10 men going to mow a meadow, it became apparent that the much-criticised pitch had indeed been cut and rolled overnight. However, the numerous threadbare patches scarcely made it a suitable surface for such an occasion.

The conditions may have had some influence on the decision to leave Gianfranco Zola on the bench. The diminutive Italian. who had missed the previous three matches because of a groin injury, gave way to the towering Tore Andre Flo. Graeme Le Saux also missed out because of a calf strain, prompting Gianluca Vialli to call up Danny Granville.

Stuttgart, who were without the suspended libero Franck peatedly in the second half of the season. With Chelsea's back line also noted for their largesse, there was an openness to the exchanges not normally seen in European finals.

Although the first chance went to Chelsea - a shot which Roberto di Matteo scuffed wide after only five minutes - the better opportunities belonged to their opponents. Much of the danger stemmed from the elusiveness of Stuttgart's lavishly



Gianluca Viaili, Chelsea's player-manager (left), rises to the ball ahead of Stuggart's Chomas Berthold during last night's Cup-Winners' Cup final in Stockholm Photograph: Reuters

Chelsea might have used a man-marker, such as Eddie Newton, to curb the Bulgarian's wiles. In the event, Dennis Wise staved closest to him, one firsthalf flashpoint earning the Englishman a yellow card. Yet Balakov still broke free in pursuit of Fredi Bobic's pass in the 19th minute, forcing an important parry from Ed de Goey.

Even before that, Bobic had dragged an angled shot wide following a sliced clearance by

akov corner also missed. Chelsea threatened at setpieces, with Flo heading nar-

rowly over after one free-kick. As half-time approached, however, Gustavo Poyet brought a desperate save from Franz Wohlfahrt. Wise beat the goalkeeper from fully 25 yards, but his shot was slightly off-target.

The absence of Le Saux deprived Chelsea of one of their main sources of crosses, which meant they were seldom able to

gifted midfielder Krassimir Bal- Steve Clarke, while Thomas exploit Flo's strength in the air. early stages seemed to have bridge United, proved himself stitute gave the ball away. His placement delivered precisely the kind of centre he himself craved shortly after half-time. only for a German head to clear as Poyet climbed to meet it.

Chelsea picked up the clearance and maintained the pressure on Stuttgart. A neat move ended with Wise, lurking outside the penalty area, pulling his drive

only inches wide of the upright. The defensive slackness which allowed Stuttgart to carve

akov's only contribution to his ond period was a free-kick from the "D" which came to grief on the blue-shirted defensive wall.

A pattern of steady Cheisea pressure, albeit largely bereft of penetration, was duly estab- moned Zola with less than 20 lished. Granville, the 23-yearold reserve full-back who cost through all too easily during the a mere £250,000 from Cam-

half-time. Michael Duberry and Le Saux. He might even have Franck Leboeuf kept a tighter broken the deadlock after 67 rein on the front two, while Bal- minutes with a low drive through a crowded penalty team's faltering efforts in the sec- area, but Wohlfahrt clutched the ball diving to his right.

In an inspired attempt to turn advantage into a precious breakthrough, the Chelsea coach, Graham Rix, finally summinutes remaining. The consequences were dramatic.

With his first touch, the sub-

Pienaar accused outburst

Rugby Union

By Chris Hewett

LOUIS LUYT was never likely to go quietly. Springbok rugby's disgraced ex-president bade a predictably undignified farewell yesterday by branding South Africa's white minority as "spineless" and attempting to tarnish the reputation of Francois Pienaar, the heroic captain of the 1995 World Cup winners.

Luyt relinquished his iron grip on the South African Rugby Football Union last week following a concerted government backed campaign by the National Sports Council, which accused him of allowing racism, corruption and nepotism to flourish unchecked in the Springbok hierarchy. As a resuit, the NSC yesterday rescinded its call for a renewed international boycott and gave its blessing to a summer Test programme featuring visits from Ireland, Wales, England, Australia and New Zealand;

However, Luyt gatecrashed the peace declaration by lambasting former colleagues in the highest echelons of South African rugby. "White people no longer believe they can protect what is important to them." hesaid in an interview with Volksblad, an Afrikaans newspaper. "They are spineless. There is no marrow left in their bones."

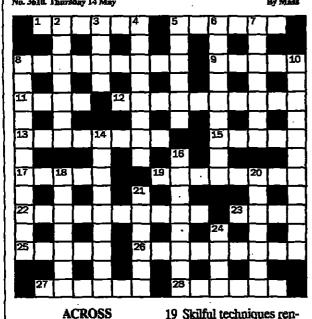
He went on to accuse Pienaar, who inspired Saracens to victory in last Saturday's Tetley's Bitter Cup final, of accepting more than £180,000 to talk his Test colleagues out of joining Kerry Packer's proposed rebel circus almost three years ago a deal Luyt alleged was kept secret from the Springbok squad.

Pienaar, already deeply offended by Luyt's earlier description of him as a "Judas", reacted with an outburst of righteous anger. "He must stop his accusations and if he contiques to call me a 'Indas', he has a big problem," he said.

South African rugby was given a reminder yesterday that some things are more important than political intrigue and public back-biting, when the international Dick Muir retired. The 33-year-old Western Province centre temporarily lost feeling in an arm and leg after a collision last month and doctors warned that he risked paralvsis by continuing to play. Greenwood out of tour

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Henman succumbs to Rios' heat strokes

Tennis

By John Roberts

EVENING shadows spread across the Centre Court at the Foro Italico and a gentle breeze eased the fierce temperatures. which had touched 100 F again. With the heat of the day went the intensity of battle, at least as far as Tim Henman was concerned. The Briton's game was stripped bare by Marcelo Rios's searing groundstrokes on the clay of the Italian Open.

Henman's torture was mercifully brief. He was dispatched, 6-3, 6-1, after only 55 minutes. the second set proving ominously similar to Rios's domination of the third set of their previous meeting on a concrete court at the Lipton Championships in Florida in March. On that occasion it was a 6-0 whitewash, but the difference was purely mathematical.

Having capitalised on the Frenchman Fabrice Santoro's dismal performance in the first round, Henman was simply unable to cope with Rios as the Chilean world No 3 worked his recently injured elbow into shape for an assault on the French Open the week after next.

Henman knew he would have to serve exceptionally well

against his occasional doubles thing is," Rios said, with the merpartner if he was to gain time est hint of sympathy, "he's a serve to play his first volley or set him- and volley player, and for him to self for a rally but, when he failed to impose his strengths, Rios pushed him farther and farther back until he was out of contention. A Chilean colleague asked Henman why he had not put more pressure on Rios. "Probably because I wasn't able to," the Briton

replied. "When you play a person of his calibre, he's not easy to come in against.' Rios concurred. "I feel I played a perfect game," he said, adding that he enjoyed competing against opponents who serve and volley, but conceding that Henman "seemed to be playing

too much from the baseline, but when he came in I passed him." Henman had precisely one opportunity, as early as the second game. Having created the break point by luring Rios into netting a forehand, the Briton promptly hit a backhand approach over the baseline. Rios broke in the next game and again in the ninth, Henman compounding matters by double-

faulting on the second set point. Thirty six minutes into the match, Henman found himself endeavouring to make the score respectable, and whistles from the crowd greeted the more el- by Karim Alami, of Morocco, ementary of his errors. "The 3-6, 7-6, 6-4.

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play me on grass would be like me playing him on day. I played pretty good, and had the game to do it. But I think Tim has possibilities if he tries to do it."

Pete Sampras, Henman's doubles partner here, defeated Magmis Norman, the man who denied him his dream of winning the French Open last year by eliminating the American in the third round. Sampras required six set points to take the first set and his Swedish opponent had treatment to his right shoulder early in the second set, Sampras winning, 7-6, 6-4 after two hours and seven mimites.

Yeveeny Kafelriikov, whose last tournament triumph was in a tented arena in Battersea Park in February, advanced to a third-round meeting with Richard Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion. Kafelnikov, the sixth seed, recovered from a sluggish start to defeat the American Todd Martin,1-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Krajicek, the No 11 seed, was too strong for Nicolas Escude, overwhelming the Frenchman. 6-3, 6-3. Alex Corretja, the Spaniard who defeated Rios in last year's final, was eliminated

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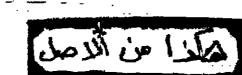
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